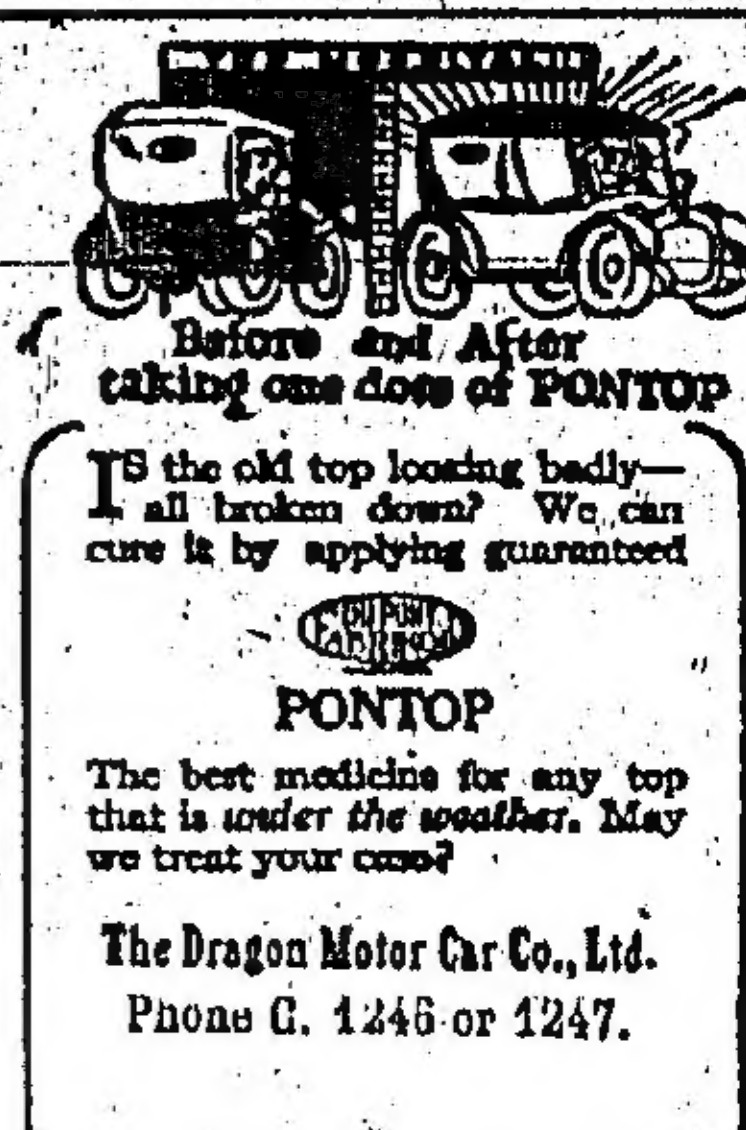


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## NEW HANKOW NEGOTIATIONS.

### MR. O'MALLEY AND MR. CHEN AGAIN MEET.

### BRITISH SOCIALISTS DENOUNCE SOVIET.

### STATUS OF SHANGHAI.

For the first time since the rupture of the negotiations at Hankow, Mr. Eugene Chen met Mr. O'Malley yesterday, but at present the nature of the renewed conference has not been divulged.

Although the Soviet denies that it is concentrating troops in the Far East, the action of Russian agents in China to prevent a settlement by negotiation is described by the Executive Committee of the British Social Democratic Federation as "a great menace to the peace of the world."

Britain sympathises with the idea behind America's suggestion regarding negotiations to determine the future status of the International Settlement at Shanghai.

News from Ichang states that the Customs House and residences which were yesterday reported to have been seized by Chinese soldiery have now been cleared.

Hankow, Feb. 7. Mr. Eugene Chen to-day had a conference with Mr. O'Malley for the first time since the rupture of negotiations.—*Reuter*.

#### NAVAL NEWS.

CUSTOMS HOUSE NOW CLEARED. Ichang, Feb. 7. Troop movements on a large scale continue, most of the contingents going down river.

The Customs House and residences have now been cleared.—*Naval Wireless*.

#### HANKOW'S DAY OF MOURNING.

Hankow, Feb. 7. Generally the city is quiet. Yesterday was observed as a day of mourning and there were demonstrations, which passed off without incident.—*Naval Wireless*.

#### TROOP MOVEMENTS.

Kiukiang, Feb. 7. Troops are continually on the move.—*Naval Wireless*.

#### PRIESTS SAFE.

MANAGE TO REACH HANYANG. Shanghai, Feb. 8. A Hankow message says that the two Catholic priests, mentioned on February 5th have reached Hanyang, and both are well.—*Reuter*.

[The priests concerned are Fathers P. MacDonald and Patrick O'Connell, St. Columban's missionaries, who were taken into the interior of Hunan by two thousand members of the Farmers' Union.

Their church, which is situated in a small village one hundred and fifty miles from Hankow, was completely destroyed on January 29. The Fathers were stabbed, beaten and disrobed. They were then marched off barefooted.]

#### RUSSIA'S DENIALS.

TROOPS NOT BEING CONCENTRATED. Moscow, Feb. 7. The Tass Agency authoritatively denies the renewed reports of the alleged concentration of Soviet troops in the Far East.—*Reuter*.

#### RUSSIAN MENACE.

CONDEMNED BY SOCIALISTS. London, Feb. 7. The Executive Committee of the Social Democratic Federation has unanimously resolved, completely agreeing with the demands of the "Hands off China" agitation, and

expressing the opinion "that the declared policy of Russian agents in China which aimed at preventing a settlement by negotiation is a great menace to the peace of the world which, if successfully persisted in, will inevitably prevent the consolidation of Chinese Nationalist opinion to combat the forces of world imperialism and will lead directly to war."—*Reuter*.

#### STATUS OF SHANGHAI.

#### THE AMERICAN SUGGESTION.

Washington, Feb. 7. The text of Mr. Kellogg's Note to Peking and to Canton, suggesting that Shanghai be a neutral zone, was published last night, and its expression of the United States' willingness to negotiate regarding the future status of the Settlement is interpreted in diplomatic circles here to mean the eventual abolition of the International character of the Settlement.

It is believed that the Note was addressed to the Chinese military and not civil officials, because it thus avoids the technical recognition of the Canton Government.

It is significant that Mr. Kellogg speaks on behalf of all foreigners in the International Settlement and it is known that the proposal, although made independently, was communicated to the Ambassadors of the interested Powers in advance.—*Reuter's American Service*.

#### BRITAIN AGREES.

London, Feb. 7. The British Government fully sympathises with the idea behind the United States' suggestion regarding Shanghai, which is regarded as shewing a considerable co-ordination of view with the British policy, namely, to ensure the safety of foreigners in Shanghai.—*Reuter*.

#### ITALY AND BRITAIN.

#### AGREEMENT ON COMMON NECESSITY.

Rome, Feb. 7. Discussing Italy's attitude on the Chinese crisis, the *Tribuna* says that while sympathising with the Chinese Nationalist movement, Italy is obliged to defend her interests threatened by excesses. This movement for the violent abolition of existing Treaties would mean the loss of the sole means of defending the European interests concerned. The paper emphasises the importance of Italian interests in China, which it says must be energetically defended, particularly at Shanghai. Italian reservations conform with the Memorandum of December 18th, but as Britain is proceeding to the material defence of her interests, these reservations now lack any raison d'être. The British and Italian policies, while independent, completely coincide by reason of a common necessity.—*Reuter*.

## MORE FORCES.

### THE DURHAMS ARRIVE HERE.

#### CRUISER SQUADRON HERE.

Another Battalion of troops arrived here yesterday afternoon in connection with the despatch of British forces to China, this being the 2nd. Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry, which belongs to the 20th Indian Infantry Brigade and which comes from Sincote. This Battalion arrived here aboard the B. I. steamer, *Takliwa*, and also aboard were the Brigade Headquarters and the Signal Section of the Brigade from Glorda. In command of the Brigade is Colonel P. B. Sangster.

The Durhams went alongside at Kowloon on arrival.

#### THE DURHAMS.

The 2nd. Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry is the old 106th Foot and the Regimental Badge is the United Red and White Rose. During the Great War the Regiment raised 37 Battalions.

The Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion is Lieut.-Col. J. W. Jeffreys, D.S.O., and the following are the senior officers: Majors A. W. B. Wallace, G. F. Hudson-Kinahan, C.B.E., H. J. Taylor, D.S.O., and Captain A. G. de Bunsen, E. H. L. Lysaght-Griffin O.B.E., C. W. Beart, M.C., A. Harwood, J. E. S. Percy, M.C., C. M. J. Barrington, W. N. Davenport, M. M. Hutchinson and F. Hall.

#### GLoucesters DUE TO-DAY.

The 2nd Battalion of the Gloucester Regiment is due here this afternoon by the s.s. *Vasna* and will also probably go alongside at Kowloon. This Battalion is the old 61st Foot, and the Regimental Badge is the Sphinx superimposed "Egypt." During the Great War the Regiment raised 24 Battalions. The Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion is Lieut.-Col. R. Wilkinson, D.S.O., and the following are the senior officers: Majors J. D. McMahon, A. F. Chapman, H. N. Binen, D.S.O., and Captains R. J. Guild, D.S.O., R. F. Power, O.B.E., L. H. Cox, M.C., R. M. Grazebrook, O.B.E., M.C., G. E. Mirehouse, L. C. Evans, E. B. Pope, D.S.O. and C. E. K. Bagot, M.C.

#### MORE COMING.

Several other units are also shortly expected here. These include the 2nd. Battalion Punjab Regiment, due here on the s.s. *Sirdhana* on Friday; the 1st. Battalion Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and the 1st Battalion Border Regiment, from Malta, by the s.s. *Megantic*, due about the end of the month, together with the Divisional Staff and Major General John Duncan; the 1st Battalion Devonshire Regiment, by the s.s. *Kildare Castle*, on March 2nd; and the 1st Battalion Green-Howards by s.s. *Assaye* early in March; whilst the s.s. *Minnesota* is due about the end of this month with a thousand marines.

#### Port Said, Feb. 7.

The troopship *Kildonan Castle* has left for China.—*Reuter*.

#### THE CRUISER SQUADRON.

With the exception of H.M.S. *Coventry*, the First Cruiser Squadron detailed for service in the Far East from the Mediterranean Fleet, arrived at Hongkong this morning from Singapore. H.M.S. *Frobisher* is the flagship of the Squadron, which is commanded by Rear-Admiral W. H. D. Boyle, C.B. Paymaster-Commander E. B. Elstol, O.B.E., is the Admiral's Secretary.

The personnel of the leading officers of the new cruisers follows:

H.M.S. *Frobisher*:—Flag Capt. T. F. P. Calvert D.S.O., Commander F. G. Buchanan, O.B.E.

H.M.S. *Dunne*:—Captain B. H. Ramsey, M.M. M.V.O., Commander G. L. Warren.

H.M.S. *Dauntless*:—Captain S. D. Tildard, Commander E. S. Brooksmith, D.S.C.

H.M.S. *Delhi*:—Captain E. Manners, Commander H. S. Bowley.

## FOOTPAD ATTACKS LADY.

### SNATCHING INCIDENT ON PEAK.

#### FRENCH LADY MODESTED.

A daring attack by a footpad on a French lady occurred on the Peak yesterday, the victim, Mrs. Y. Cardelbied, who lives at the Peak Hotel, being severely handled and robbed of a handbag in which were contained money, some pieces of jewellery and her passport.

In a report received by the police, Mrs. Cardelbied says that she was walking along Lugard Road, yesterday afternoon, when, near the junction with Hutton Road, a Chinese, who was doubtless emboldened by the fact that she was alone, approached and attempted to seize her bag. Frustrated by the firm hold which the lady retained on the article, the footpad then seized Mrs. Cardelbied and threw her violently to the ground. Despite this, she still continued to struggle bravely with the man, but finally had to part with the bag.

The man escaped with the bag. Mrs. Cardelbied followed him for some distance, shouting "Thief" in

## SOUTHERN DEFEAT.

### Marshal Sun Clearing Chekiang.

Shanghai, Feb. 7. According to a most reliable foreign report, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's troops have captured Chuchow. The defeated forces are retreating towards the Kiangsi border.—*Reuter*. [Chuchow is in Chekiang and is at the farthest navigable point of the Wu Kiang.]

French, but that part of the road was secluded and her calls for assistance were without avail. The value of the property contained in the bag is \$17.

## NEW YORK EXCHANGE SENSATION.

#### RAILROADS STOCKS SOAR.

New York, Feb. 7. The most sensational rise in any stock since the competitive bidding for the Hill, Harriman stock of a quarter-of-a-century ago has today forced the Northern Railway stock to \$1,000 per share, when the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad stock touched \$95, which is \$68 above the price ruling in January. Over night, the loan premium jumped to \$7 per share—the highest on record.

The authorities already estimate that "bear" traders who were caught short of stock must already have lost millions of dollars.

It appears that the New York Central Railroad has acquired nearly 100,000 shares of the Wheeling and Lake Erie line.—*Reuter's American Service*.

## FLYING HOME.

### AIR MINISTER REACHES CAIRO.

#### London, Feb. 7.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Minister for Air, and Lady Maud Hoare arrived at the Heliopolis Aerodrome, near Cairo, this evening in the aero liner, *City of Delhi*, on their return flight from India. They had been somewhat delayed during the last stage by bad weather.

The journey from Cairo to Paris will not be made by air, but an Imperial Airways liner will meet the party in Paris and bring them on to London.—*British Wireless*.

## FACTORIES CLOSE.

### NANYANG BROS. TOBACCO CO.

#### AN OFFICIAL EXPLANATION.

With regard to the closing down of the local factories of the Nanyang Tobacco Company, by which nearly 2,000 work-people are affected, a *Telegraph* representative was enabled to obtain an official announcement of the position from the Company's officials this morning.

The report which we published yesterday that the closing down of the factories was due to labour troubles is incorrect.

#### NEW MACHINERY.

The machinery at the Hongkong factories, the officials of the Company state, is a little out-of-date, and it is being overhauled or replaced by more up-to-date parts. The task is an extensive one, and whilst it is being carried out, the factories must, necessarily, close down. It would take, say, two months to complete the work, and, although the operatives have been dismissed and notified that they will be re-engaged when the factories resume operations, they have been paid an additional month's wages in the nature of a gratuity. The services of the supervisors and foremen are still being retained, however. It is admitted that many of the operatives have returned to the country.

"When the factories are in full swing, we employ over three thousand people. Work had slackened off, however, within recent months, and about only half of these were in employment when the decision came to close down all the factories.

#### EFFECT OF DUTY.

"The last increase of duty from 50 cents to 70 cents per pound on the products turned out by the Nanyang Tobacco Company, has directly hit the manufacturers, and, indirectly, the growers, who are Chinese. We import our raw leaf from different provinces in China, and the increase has had some effect on sales here, but it does not affect the prices or the sales of outputs from our other factories in China.

#### NEW EXPORT SYSTEM.

"With regard to the Hongkong output, this in the past has found not only a market in Hongkong, but also in the Straits Settlements, and in Java. As we do not desire to raise the price of our products at this time, we have had to reorganize our system of exportation to these points. The position now is that we are sending our products to Java direct from Shanghai and from our other Chinese centres of production, and we are closing down our Hongkong factories temporarily, and availing ourselves at the same time of the opportunity to effect certain necessary renewals of machinery."

An interesting fact regarding the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company is that they are the only local manufacturers of tobacco products.

## FORGED NOTES.

### MEN ARRESTED WITH TEN.

Still another case of uttering forged banknotes was brought to the notice of the Magistrate this morning, on the charging of an unemployed seaman with uttering one spurious Hongkong and Shanghai Bank one-dollar note and with being in possession of nine other notes of the same denomination.

Inspector P. Grant said that the defendant on failing to palm off the note on a cigarette seller, went to a second stall, where the deception was successfully carried out. Whilst the change was being dealt out, a detective, who was called by the first hawk, came up and arrested the defendant. Nine other forged notes were found on the defendant, when he was searched by the police.

A committal is being asked for by the prosecution, and the case was formally adjourned, with the defendant in police custody.

## THE CANTON LABOUR CRISIS.

### STRUGGLE BETWEEN UNIONS AND FIRMS.

#### THE DISMISSAL PROBLEM.

The question of whether the employers have the right to dismiss employees at the beginning of every year is still monopolising the attention of the people of Canton. Although the Government has been forced by the labour element to withdraw its recent order authorising the merchants to re-arrange their staffs on the second day of the First Moon, according to usual practice, the merchants are still enforcing the order and many of them have succeeded in dismissing several felds.

In view of the withdrawal of the order, the labourites announce that no felds should leave their shops even if they are dismissed by their employers but to report dismissals to the Unions. Many shops at which dismissals have been made have been blockaded by the Union Pickets Corps.

Nevertheless, the merchants have been able to dismiss a large number of their employees. The tea houses have succeeded in dismissing 700, the sea product stores 600, the grocer stores 550, the place goods merchants 650, the paper merchants 300, and the fuel stores 1,000.

All these dismissed workers have reported their grievances to the Unions and it is believed that unless the matter is properly handled by the Government, a fierce struggle between the shops and the Labour Unions will take place.

## REVOLT IN PORTUGAL.

### OPORTO BEING BOMBARDED.

#### Lisbon, Feb. 7.

Government troops and aeroplanes are bombarding Oporto, following the revolt of a section of the Garrison. The rebels have entrenched themselves, and later offered to surrender, but the Minister of War declined to accept the conditions and called for reinforcements, which have resumed the bombardment.—*Reuter*.

The Lisbon correspondent of the *Daily Mail* stated on February 3rd, that it was semi-officially reported that the port of Oporto garrison was in revolt but that the troops loyal to the Government were masters of the situation. Martial law has been proclaimed throughout Portugal as a precautionary measure. A later official communication stated that the Minister of War had taken over command of the Government troops and was marching on the Oporto insurgents.

## MR. WANG CHING-WAI.

### TO RE-ENTER POLITICAL LIFE.

The report of Mr. Wang Ching-wai's decision to return to his old Party has been authenticated by local enquiries, which have also revealed the fact that insofar as the old divergences of views which caused his departure from Canton are concerned the situation has been harmonised by a general invitation from all branches of the Kuomintang organisation being dispatched to the Canton leader at his residence in Shanghai.

The position now is that this old associate of Dr. Sun Yat-sen has intimated that he will rejoin the other Canton leaders at Nanchang when the Kuomintang Government Committee, the Chairmanship of which he will resume, has been completely transferred to that temporary Capital of Nationalist China. Mr. Wang is expected to re-enter political life about the beginning of March.

## JAPAN MOURNS.

### FUNERAL OF LATE EMPEROR.

#### PAGEANT OF SORROW.

Tokyo, Feb. 7. Amid scenes of impressive solemnity and picturesque splendour, the last mortal remains of the late Emperor Taisho was escorted this evening to a temporary Pavilion in the Shinjuku Palace Gardens from the main Palace.

The four-mile route was sprinkled with white sand and, despite the bitter cold of the winter night, it was lined with hundreds of thousands of spectators, who waited, some as long as eighteen hours, for the procession. This loomed into sight through the darkness of the night, which was broken by the weird flickering light from flaming torches carried by those in the procession.

#### FUNERAL SERVICE.

On arrival at the Pavilion, a funeral service was held, at which the Emperor, Empress, members of the Royal Family, Members of the Cabinet, foreign Envoys and others were present.

On the completion of these obsequies at midnight, the coffin will be conveyed to the little village of Higashi Ashikawa, to the north of Tokyo, from which it will be borne to the newly-completed Imperial Mausoleum, one mile away.—*Reuter*.

#### CROWD CASUALTIES.

During the funeral procession, owing to the large crowd, about 300 persons were injured, five seriously. One was killed. Twenty were injured as the result of falling into a ditch. Many other casualties are believed to have occurred at other parts of the City, but details are not yet available.—*Reuter*.

#### SERVICE AT WESTMINSTER.

London, Feb. 7. A service of prayer and recollection for the late Emperor of Japan, who held the rank of Field Marshal in the British Army, will be held at Westminster Abbey, next Wednesday.

H. M. the King will be represented by H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught.

Sir Lamington Worthington-Evans, Secretary for War, and General Sir George Milne, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, will attend and five Field Marshals will be present, namely Lord Methuen, Earl Haig, Viscount Allenby, Sir William Robertson and Sir Claud Jacob. Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood also will be represented.—*British Wireless*.

#### LOCAL OBSERVANCES.

In Hongkong, the occasion of the funeral was marked by the Consul General for Japan (Mr. Y. Murakami) receiving at his residence in Conduit Road foreign residents who called to express their condolences. All the members of the local Consular Body attended, as well as Capt. Steele (on behalf of H. E. Sir Cecil Clementi), the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern (Colonial Secretary), Major-General C. C. Luard (G.O.C. South China Command), Mr. W. W. Hornell, Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. McE. Messer, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Hon. Sir J. H. Kemp, K.C., Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Bishop of Victoria, and many well-known European and Chinese business men.

From 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. Japanese residents were received by the Japanese Consul-General. No fewer than 400 Japanese paid their last homage before the Imperial portrait. The pupils of the Japanese Grammar School also attended. At six o'clock a large gathering of Japanese residents observed the two minutes silence in the grounds of the Consul's residence.

Religious service was performed by the Buddhists at the Honganji Temple at nine o'clock last night. The Japanese Consulate and the Japanese Grammar School were closed to-day.



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## CHINA CRISIS.

"TIMES" COMMENT.

London, Feb. 7.

The Times in an editorial combats the suggestion to land the Shanghai Defence Force in Hongkong and says there should be no deviation from the decision of the Government to send the force to Shanghai direct.

"Every practical reason, not only of security but of successful negotiation, suggests that the sooner our troops are in a position to demonstrate the real purpose of their mission, namely the protection of the British in Shanghai, the better chance there is of dispelling the clouds of misinterpretation which have hitherto dimmed the prospects of settlement."

"To concentrate an armed force at some neighbouring point is to leave its object unknown and threatening. A practical demonstration that it is neither aggressive nor Imperialistic and Byrantine, is worth all the verbal professions in the world. When the protection of the British in Shanghai is thoroughly assured, and when it is made perfectly plain that the British while refusing to take sides in the Chinese civil war, do not intend to allow themselves to be driven by the rival factions into the sea, then perhaps the rival factions will cease trying to outbid each other in demonstrations against us, and will realise that there is a great and real advantage for China in orderly negotiation on the liberal proposal of the British Government."—*Reuter*.

Defence of Shanghai.

New York, Feb. 7.

The text of the United States Government's proposals to eliminate the International Settlement at Shanghai from the zone of warlike activities has been issued.

It points out the importance of the area to the Chinese, the huge investments there and the necessity for maintaining order in a Settlement through which passes forty per cent. of the trade of China.

After expressing confidence that Chang Tso-lin and Chang Kai-shek will lend sincere support to the proposals, the Note says: "The United States Government will be ready to become a party to friendly, orderly negotiations, properly instituted and conducted with regard to the future status of the settlement."—*Reuter's American Service*.

London, Feb. 7.

The United States proposal to the contending factions in China that they should exclude the International Settlement at Shanghai from the theatre of warlike activities, receives prominence in the Press here. Typical comment is that of the *Manchester Guardian* which says: "Though the full meaning of the proposal is not clear, it in any case brings America into the negotiations as a powerful influence in restraint of extreme action, and must therefore make for the greater safety of British and other residents at Shanghai."

Measures for the protection of their respective nationals in China are now reported to have been taken by Japan and Italy, as well as by Great Britain and the United States. A Japanese cruiser and four destroyers with a landing party have been ordered to await instructions at Sasebo.—*British Wireless*.

Powers Protest.

The Diplomatic Body, after discussing Sir Francis Acland's dismissal for the last three days, has handed in a memorandum to the Foreign Office couched in a friendly manner but protesting against the dismissal.—*Reuter*.

The British Legation at Kabul has been completely burned down. The foreign diplomatic corps and the Afghan Government rendered all possible assistance and there were casualties. The Legation staff are removing to the new Legation building which is under construction.

## THE FLOWER SHOW.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Committee of the Hongkong Horticultural Society has presented its 21st annual report (for 1926) as follows:

The annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables was held at the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 11th March, 1926, and in spite of the very trying times residents passed through during the Strike of 1925, which in many cases necessitated the running of houses and gardens without any servants or gardeners for many months, the Show was undoubtedly a success and fully justified the Committee's decision to have a Flower Show as usual.

Although the total number of entries was naturally considerably smaller than for the previous year, the number of exhibitors was only 3 less than for the Flower Show in 1925, and the general standard of the exhibits was well up to average.

A new feature of the Show was a cup presented by Mr. J. A. Plummer called the "Amateur" Cup for the best exhibit of pot plants in any of the Open or Peak classes by members who had not exhibited before or had never won a prize at any Flower Show in Hongkong. This was won by Mr. L. S. Greenhill with 3 pots of *Phlox Drummondii* from his garden on the Peak.

Entries.

The number of entries received for the Amateur Cup was disappointing, but in view of the disturbed conditions which existed prior to the Show, Mr. Plummer has kindly promised to present another cup to be competed for under the same conditions as last year and it is possible that another member of the Committee may offer an "Amateur" Cup for vegetables on similar lines to that presented by Mr. Plummer.

From amongst the special exhibits the usual wonderful display of roses by Mr. Nicholson was missing and much sympathy will be felt with that exhibitor for the misfortune that overtook his plants, necessitating the replacement of practically all his rose trees with new importations.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong again exhibited a splendid show of vegetables, grown from seed by Messrs. Sutton and Son, also a brilliant display of sweet peas, grown from seed supplied by Messrs. Yates and Co., in addition to which there was an excellent display of begonias exhibited by the Hongkong Botanical Gardens, all of which were greatly admired.

Obituary.

Since their last report the Committee have to record, with the deepest regret the deaths of the Hon. Mr. P. Holyoak, Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Ho Fook. Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Ho Fook were both life members of the Society and in addition to being large contributors to the funds, were amongst the most successful exhibitors at Flower Shows for many years past.

Mr. Ho Fook was present at the last Flower Show and secured the challenge cup for plants in pots open to all for the fifth year in succession, a striking testimony to his skill as a gardener and his zeal as a horticulturist.

His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., and Lady Clementi visited the Show in the afternoon and evinced much interest in the display.

The Band of the East Surrey Regiment played an excellent selection of music throughout the afternoon and Lady Clementi very kindly distributed the prizes at the close of the exhibition.

The Committee desires to express its thanks to Lieut. Colonel Bird and Officers for the use of the Volunteer Headquarters and parade ground for the Show, also to the Capt. Supt. of Police, the Su-

## ANTI-BRITISH POSTERS.

FOUND ON TRAIN FROM CANTON.

Anti-British posters, which had been stuck up in the interior of the carriages, were found on the train from Canton when it arrived at Shum Chun, the border station, yesterday afternoon.

It is understood that the carriages were well plastered with the posters which had apparently been pasted while the train was passing through Chinese territory.

One of the posters is stated to have depicted a European being badly handled by Chinese, while others are said to have had particular reference to Hongkong.

When it became known that the posters had been found, the police authorities sent men to Kowloon station and on the trains, where passengers were searched to see if any had the seditious posters in their possession.

No posters were seized, however.

porintendent of the Botanical Gardens, Mr. L. Gibbs and to all those ladies and gentlemen who rendered valuable assistance in various capacities as well as to the Judges and censors and to all who kindly contributed towards the prize fund.

Membership.

The ordinary membership of the Society now stands at 162 as against 231 members for the year 1925 and 272 members for the year 1924 and the Committee appeal for more generous support from all those who are in any way interested in horticulture.

The subscription for an ordinary member is only \$5 per annum which entitles a member to two free tickets of admission to the annual Flower Shows and the Committee feel that the past efforts and successes of the Society warrant a larger list of members than 162 from the Foreign and Chinese communities of the Colony interested in horticulture.

The accounts show a credit balance of \$1,502.04, plus \$200 on deposit in the Challenge Cup fund.

The report is very informative, giving lists of officers, members and exhibitors (numbered), also statistics and records, rules, and a list of flowering plants hitherto grown in Hongkong. A novelty class is to be included in this year's Show—i.e., for flowering plants not before grown here.



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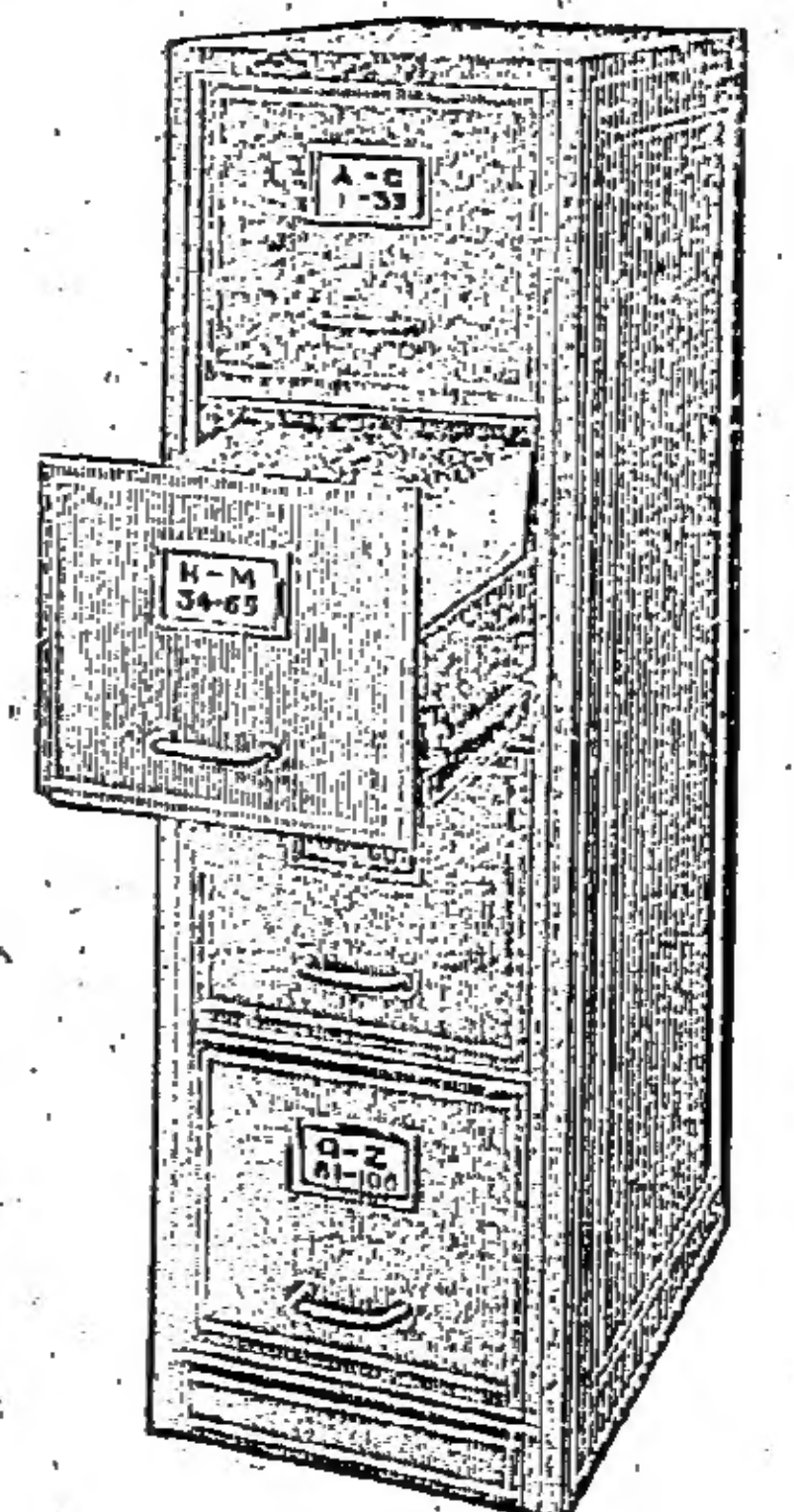
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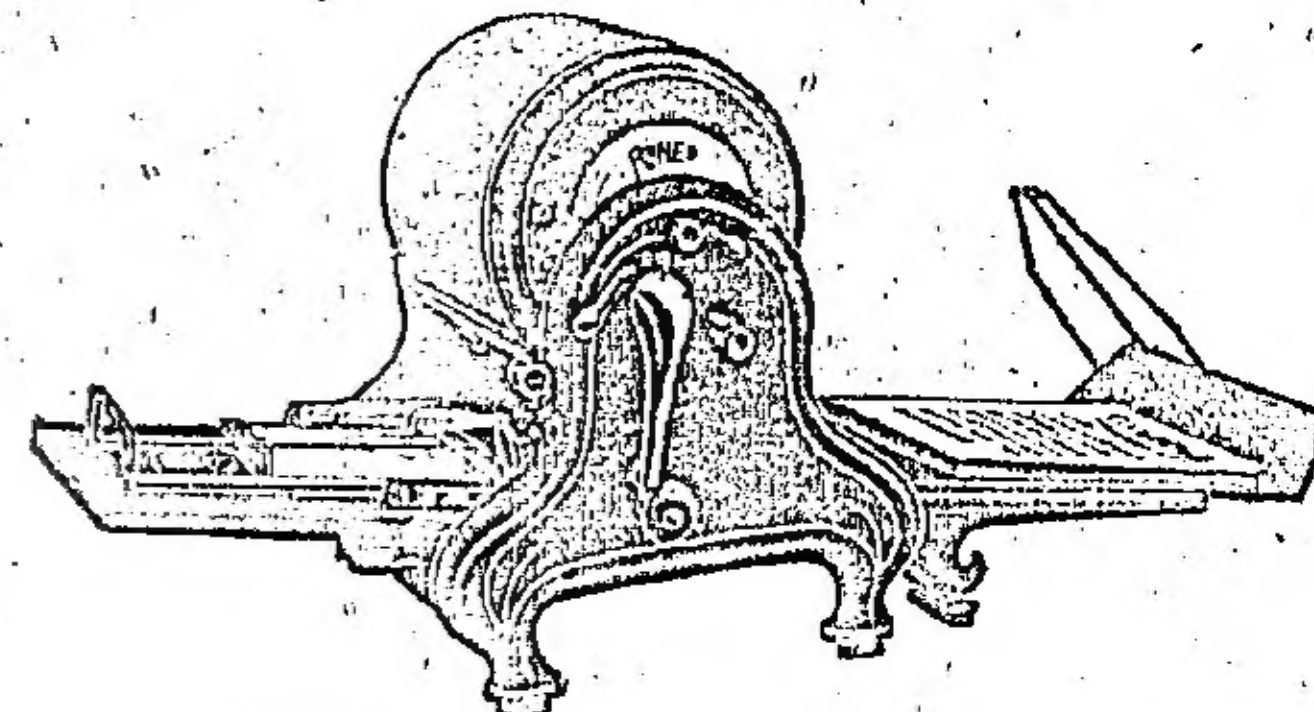
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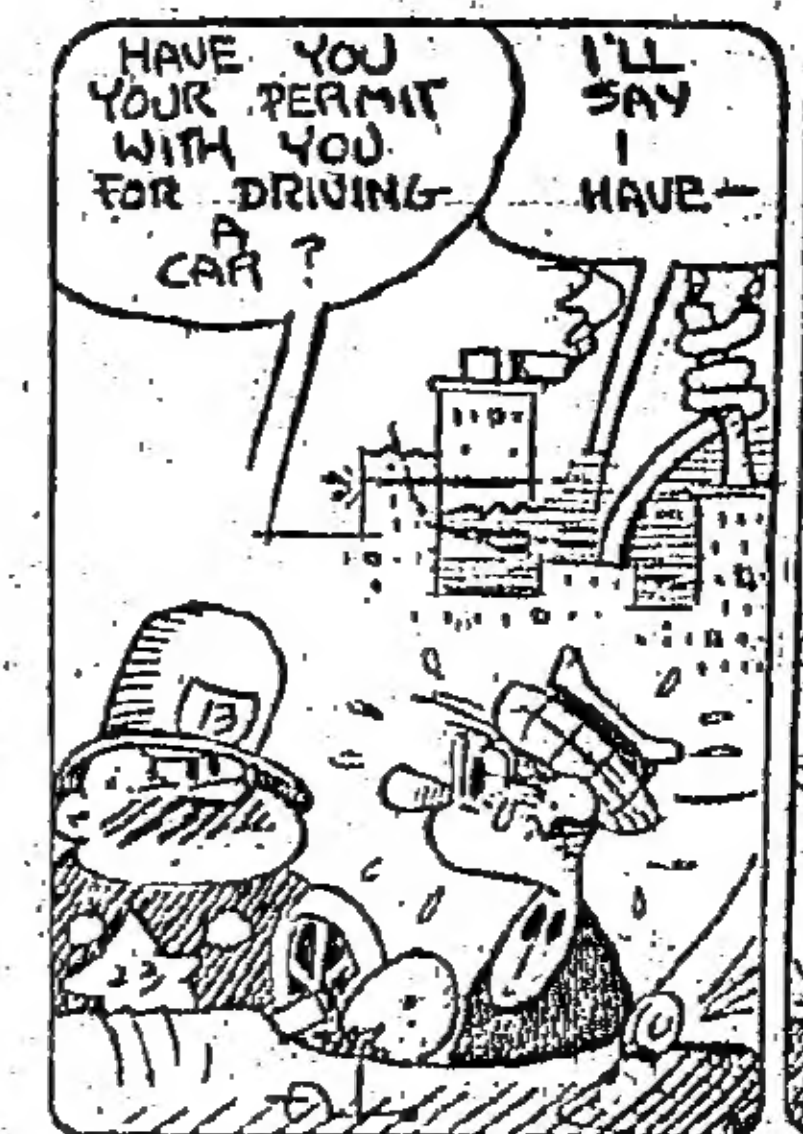
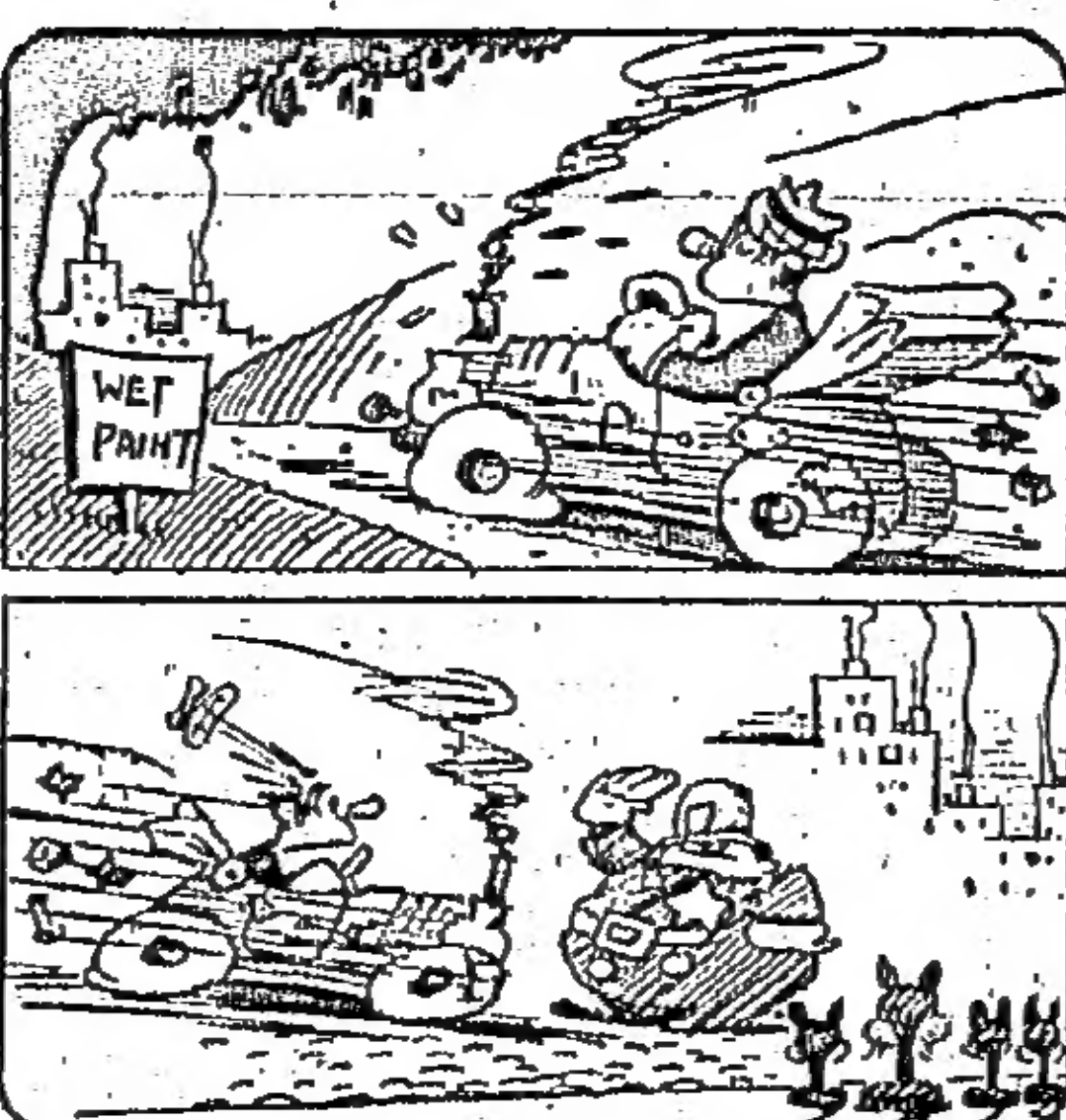
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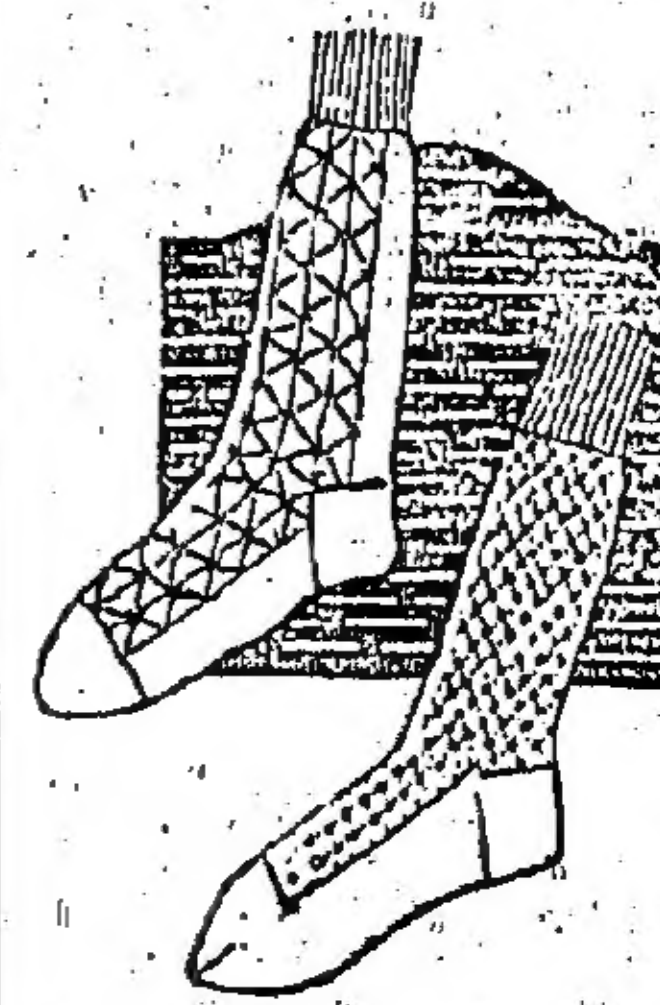


**CIRCUS AT OLYMPIA.**—Among the many fascinating items provided by Captain Bertram W. Mille in his Circus at Olympia is the baby elephant who rides a bicycle as well as performing other feats. A photograph of the elephant giving his turn. (Times copyright.)



**THE HOLY CARPET.**—This shows the pilgrimage of the holy carpet from Cairo to Mecca, the goal of every Mohammedan. The canopy shown here is the sacred tent of the Moslem prophet.

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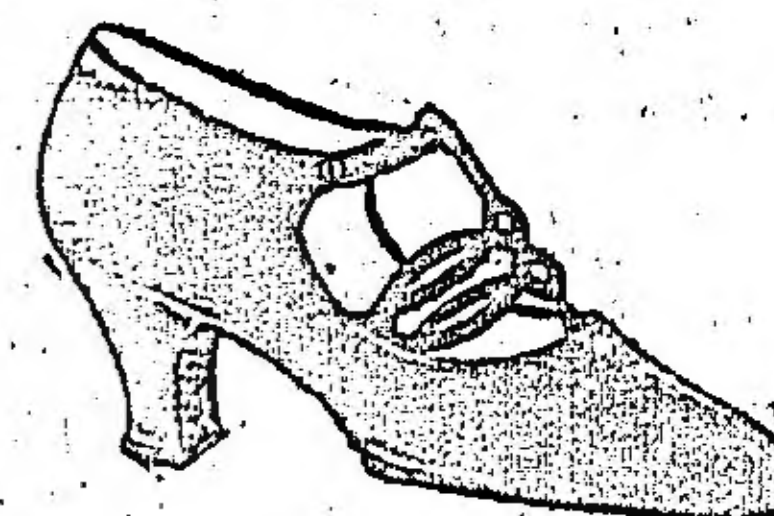
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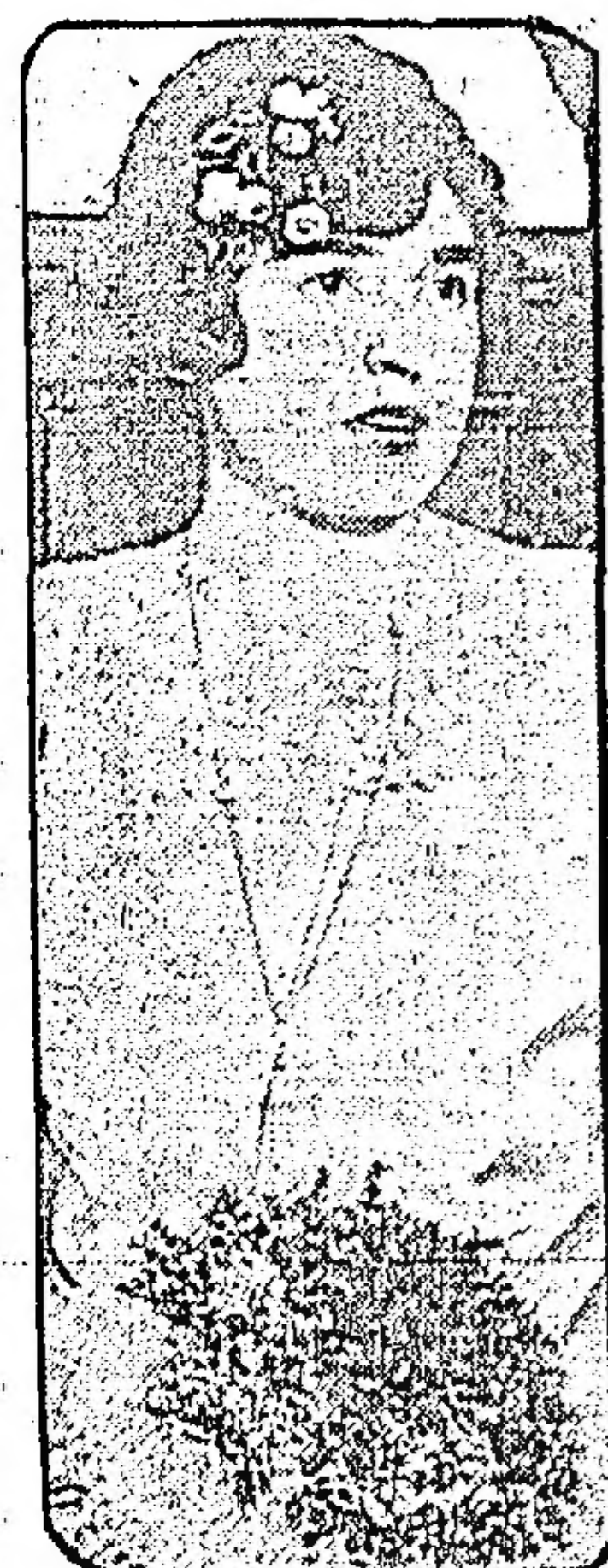
**POPULAR IN THE FEATHERED WORLD.**—Daily for twelve years Charles Lutz has fed the pigeons on the mall in Central Park, New York—rain or shine. Such constancy deserves the popularity portrayed by this picture.



**JAPANESE PRINCE.**—A recent portrait of His Imperial Highness, Prince Yasuhito Chichibu, second son of the late Emperor Yoshihito, of Japan, and younger brother of Emperor Hirohito which was taken upon his arrival in New York on his way back to Japan from England.



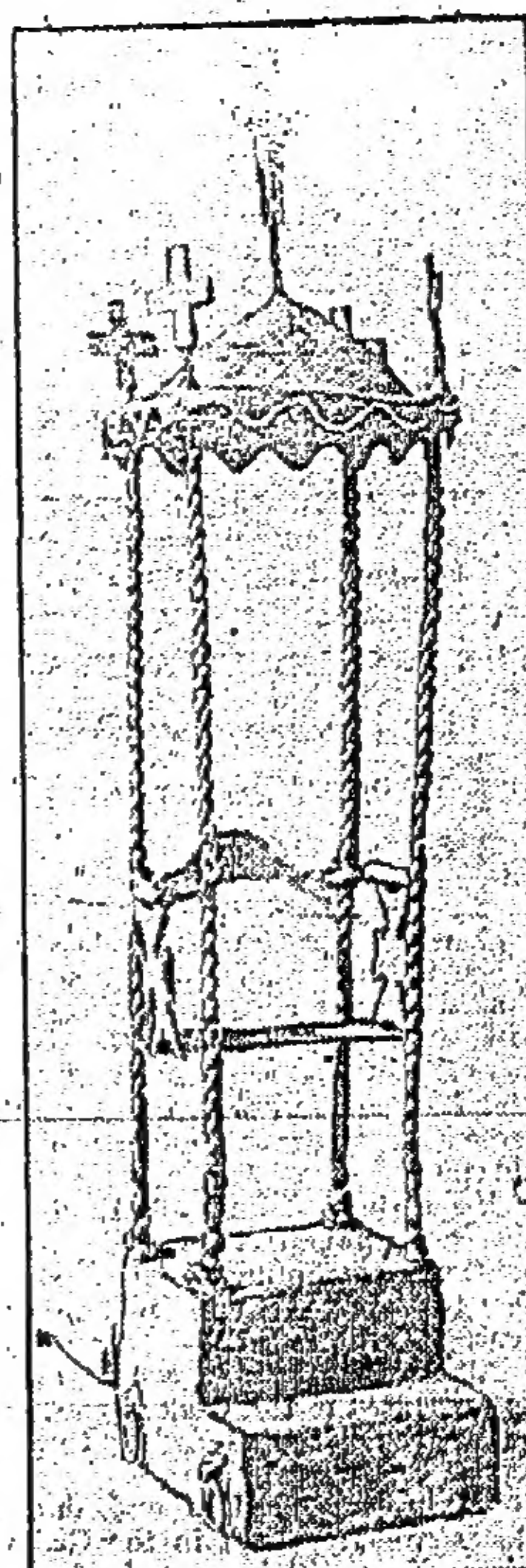
**GIANT AIRSHIPS.**—How the new dirigibles designed by Dr. Karl Arnstein would compare in size with the ill-fated Shenandoah is illustrated above. The lower picture shows a cross-section of the projected new air leviathans, with their double shell and spacious decks. A photo of Dr. Arnstein is inset.



**FOLLOWS FATHER.**—Miss Gwendolyn McCormack, daughter of John McCormack, the tenor, is here pictured. With her brother, Cyril, who came from Ireland for the occasion, Miss McCormack sang at the supperdance at which she made her recent debut in New York.



**AMERICA'S LARGEST HOUSE OF WORSHIP.**—Excepting cathedrals, this church, which is to be built in New York for Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, will be the largest edifice of its kind in the United States. Its spire, housing the famous Rockefeller carillon now in the Park Avenue Baptist Church, will tower 375 feet above the ground. In its pews, 2,400 worshippers may find seats. The site is on Riverside Drive, a stone's throw from Grant's Tomb. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., (inset), is one of the donors.



**9TH CENTURY.**—An old Christian throne, recently discovered in a ruined Coptic church in upper Egypt, is shown above. It dates from the 9th century.



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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, February 14th, 1927, to Thursday, February 24th, 1927, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors, F. H. CRAPNELL, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, February 5th, 1927.

## THE HONGKONG CANTON &amp; MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4A, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period No. Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

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Silk, Valuable Cargo for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be conveyed by this Steamer proceeding to Bombay and there transhipped to the on-carrying Steamer for Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until Noon, on 6th November. The contents and value of all packages must be declared. For further Particulars, Apply to—

## MACKINNON, MACKENZIE AND CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th Feb., 1927.

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## PEAK CLUB.

Members and Subscribers are reminded of the FANCY DRESS DANCE to be held on

## FRIDAY, 11th FEBRUARY,

at 9.30 p.m.

Application for tickets should be made immediately to the No. 1 Boy Peak Club or the undersigned.

E. B. C. HORNELL, Hon. Secretary.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 26th February, 1927, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from Monday, the 14th February to Saturday, the 27th February, 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of share can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 7th February, 1927.

## HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 5th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS AND SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 29th Jan., 1927.

## CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

## ELLERMAN LINE.

## From EUROPE.

## The Steamship,

## "KNOWSLEY HALL"

having arrived Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazyards and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 14th February, 1927, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 21st February, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday or Friday, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the Free Storage period of one week. No fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by—

## THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

General Agents, Hongkong, February 7, 1927.

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Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazyards and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th instant will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th instant or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th instant at 10 a.m.

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Agents, Hongkong February 7, 1927.

## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

## on WEDNESDAY,

the 9th February, 1927,

commencing at 10.30 a.m.

At Godown No. 51, The Hongkong &amp; Kowloon Wharf &amp; Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

## A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods,

comprising:—Hats, Mercerie, Brass Plate, Auto Accessories, Wine, Corks, Brandy, Rubber Tyres, Window Glass, Post Cards, Sardines, Mineral Water, Round Iron, Flat Board Ends, Ajinomoto, Milk, Steel Wire, Flour, Old Newspaper, etc., etc.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

## on FRIDAY,

the 11th February, 1927,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

## A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture,

comprising:—Teak Hatstands, Silver Cabinets, Bookcases, Teak and Tapestry Covered Couch, Sofa and Armchairs, Teak Desks, Cherrywood Desk, Chesterfield Armchairs, Carpets, Rugs, Electric Ceiling Fans, etc.

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## A Few Pieces of Blackwood Furniture,

and

One Cottage Piano by F. Doerner &amp; Son, Stuttgart.

One 2-Valve Set.

One Enamelled Bath.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Thursday, the 10th February, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

## on SATURDAY,

the 12th February, 1927,

commencing at 11 a.m.

At the Mezzanine Floor, No. 47, Godown (Kowloon Godowns) opposite No. 5 Pier.

## A Nice Selection of Tonkin Embroideries.

On View from Friday, the 11th February, 1927.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

## on MONDAY,

the 14th February, 1927,

commencing at 2.45 p.m.

At No. 2, Waverley Terrace (Hongkong &amp; Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.) Hungnam.

## A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Property of the late Mr. A. A. Bolton.)

Catalogues will be issued.

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If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

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## NEW PENNIES.

## FIRST COINAGE FOR FOUR YEARS.

The Mint is to coin new pennies for the first time since 1922.

The reason for the long gap is mainly the vast accumulation of coppers in gas and other meters. These amount to many millions yearly, and the banks have recourse to the gas and other companies as occasion arises. The present demand, which comes mainly from the banks, is not expected to be heavy, and the issue will probably be even smaller than in 1922, when the value was less than a tenth of that in the preceding year.

The total value of the penny, halfpenny, and farthings issued since 1860 is approximately £10,000,000. From £38,000 of pennies issued in 1909, the value had risen to £272,000 in the year before the war. Subsequent years saw the following fluctuations:—

1914.....£212,000  
1915.....£195,000  
1916.....£260,000  
1917.....£251,000  
1918.....£345,000  
1919.....£514,000  
1920.....£514,000  
1921.....£536,000  
1922.....£52,000

Small quantities of the 1922 issue have been distributed in later years, chiefly in the Colonies, and bright new pennies of that last coinage were occasionally to be seen up to the beginning of the present year.

The penny is, it may be mentioned, a curiously irregular coin, both as to size, shape, and weight. Its legal weight is 145.83 grains; its width a little over an inch and a fifth; and it is not so round as it appears, being a little longer

from head to foot of Britannia than crosswise.

It is surprising to find what a vogue the farthing still has. Every year sees about £10,000 of this coin issued, the drapers and bakers no doubt being mainly responsible for its wide distribution. Half-pennies increased a good deal during the war and subsequent boom period, the value rising from £36,000 in 1913 to £31,000 in 1916, £76,000 in 1917, and £73,000 in 1920, but in more recent years it has been only a little above the £28,000 mark, which was recorded in 1909.

The great years for silver coins were 1915, 1916, 1918, and 1921. The value of half-crowns issued in each of those years was between £3,000,000 and £4,000,000 of florins up to £3,000,000, of shillings more than £1,000,000, and of sixpences between £700,000, threepences finding their peak in 1917, with a value of £268,000 compared with £90,000 in 1914, and only £1,000 in 1924, the latest year for which statistics are available, when the value of half-crowns issued had fallen to £326,000, of florins to £476,000, and of shillings to £562,000, and that of sixpences was again approaching high water mark, having risen from £280,000 in the preceding year to £416,000. The Mint still issues fourpences and twopences for Maundy Money.

With "Wishing you a happy New Year" written across it, a West Hartlepool man returned a summons for desertion to his wife.

A pair of white gloves was presented to the chairman of the Devonshire Quarter Sessions at Exeter last month, there being no prisoners for trial.

## IN PARLIAMENT.

## THE KING TO OPEN THIRD SESSION.

London, Feb. 7.

Accompanied by the Queen and the Prince of Wales, the King will to-morrow open in state the third session of the present Parliament. In accordance with custom both Houses will adjourn after the King's Speech from the Throne and will meet later to discuss the address in reply. It is anticipated that the speech will contain an important reference to the Chinese situation.

Regarding domestic legislation it seems improbable that Parliament will be asked to deal with the projected reform of Poor Law or the long-promised Factories Bill until the autumn at least. Meanwhile further examination of the whole scheme for the reform of the Poor Law will be undertaken, particularly in reference to the finances of the proposal and to the question of disfranchising persons receiving poor relief.

The principal legislation to be presented during the session, in addition to the Finance Bill, will probably be a bill for amending the Trade Union Law, a bill for imposing a quota upon the British coal (?) industry and a measure to amend the King's title in accordance with the decision of the Imperial Conference.—British Wireless.

## SHARE PRICES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.  
Hongkong, \$1,105 n.  
Chartered Bank, \$21 n.  
Mercantile A. & B., \$32 n.  
Mercantile C., \$13½ n.  
P. and O., \$92 b.  
East Asia, \$34 n.Marine Ins.  
Canton Ins., \$655 b.  
China Underwriters, \$1 s.  
North China, Tls. 145 n.  
Union Ins., \$285 b.  
Yantai Ins., \$40 n.Fire Ins.  
China Fires, \$200 b.  
Hongkong Fire, \$615 b.Shipping  
Douglases, \$30 b.  
Steamboats, \$23½ s.  
Tugs, \$110 n.  
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$30 n.  
Shell Trans., 93/- n.  
Star Ferries, \$55 b.  
Waterboats, \$14 b.Refineries.  
China Sugars, \$22 s.  
Malabons, \$34 n.Mining.  
Benguets, \$1.30 n.  
Kailans, 38/- n.  
Langkats, Tls. 25 n.  
Shai Exploration, Tls. 4.50 n.  
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 3.00 n.  
Raub, \$3½ s.  
Tronachs, 21/- n.  
Ural Caspians, 8/- n.Docks, etc.  
Kowloon Wharves, \$112½ b.  
Whampoa Docks, \$40 n.  
Hongkows, Tls. 165 n.  
New Engineering, Tls. 5 n.  
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 101 b.Lands, Hotels, etc.  
H. and S. Hotels, \$7½ b.  
H.K. Lands, \$57½ b.  
Realtys, \$5½ b.  
Territorials, \$2½ s.  
Humphreys, \$13.60 b.  
Princes Bldgs, \$39 n.  
Rural Lands, \$1½ n.Cottons.  
Ewos Cottons, Tls. 3½ s.  
Orientals, Tls. 2½ s.  
Shai Cottons, Tls. 54 n.Buses, Trams.  
China Buses, Tls. 9½ b.  
Tramways, \$22½ b.  
Peak Trams, (old) \$15½ b.  
Spore Tractions, 13/- s.  
Taxis, \$1 s.Miscellaneous.  
Amusements, \$17.50 b.  
Canton Ice, \$5 n.  
Cements (Comb.), \$8 s.  
China Lights, \$14½ b.  
China Prov., \$4½ b.  
Constructions, \$2.10 b.  
Dairy Farms, \$18½ n.  
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.  
H'kong Electric, \$59 b.  
Macao Electric, \$35 n.  
Ropes (Old), \$10 s.  
Lano Crawfords, \$8 n.  
Mackintosh, \$19½ n.  
Sinceres, \$9½ s.  
United Asbestos, \$20 n.  
Watsons, \$12½ b.  
Fowells, \$6½ n.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 8 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

RADIO TELEGRAMS may now be accepted for Kowloon under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.

Correspondence for Canton will be forwarded by train if so super-scribed. Such correspondence must be posted not later than 7.30 a.m. at the General Post Office or 7.40 a.m. at Kowloon Post Office for despatch by the Express Train scheduled to leave Kowloon Railway Station at 8.05 a.m. and to arrive at Canton at 12.20 p.m.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

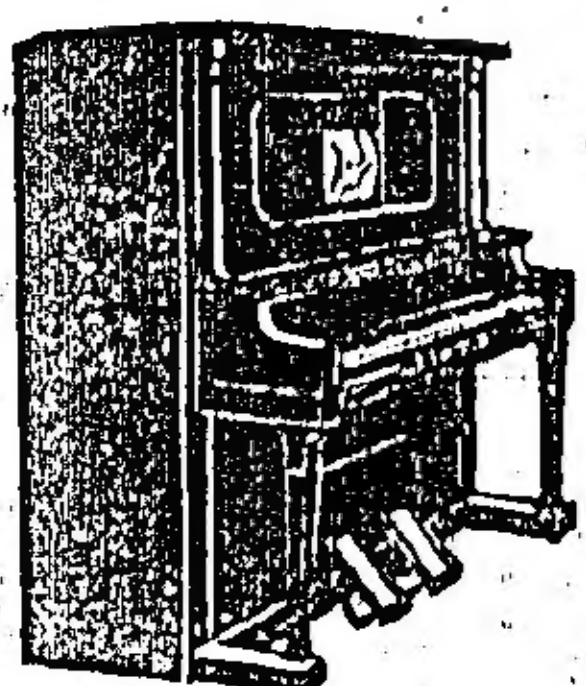
During the interruption of the Hongkong-Macao cable service the Macao Radio Station will remain open for the exchange of telegrams with Hongkong from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Hongkong Station is always open and messages are accepted at any time throughout the 24 hours.

From	Per	Date
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai & Australia and Manila	Changte	February 8.
Amoy	Hwa	February 10.
Manila	Empress of Scotland	February 10.
Europe via Negapatam (letters only, London, 13th January)	Shirah	February 11.
Manila	Pres. Taft	February 11.
Straits	Nagpore	February 11.
Europe via Negapatam, (Papers only, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai, London 13th January)	Laisang	February 13.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Monroe	February 14.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Wilson	February 17.

For	Per	Date
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Manila	Pres. McKinley	Tues., Feb. 8, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Derwent	Tues., Feb. 8, 4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Prosper	Tues., Feb. 8, 4.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kwong Foon	Tues., Feb. 8, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Shantung	Tues., Feb. 8, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Kwongsung	Tues., Feb. 8, 5 p.m.
Hoihow	Poo Tye	Tues., Feb. 8, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Wong Shek Kung	Tues., Feb. 8, 5 p.m.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Sarpedon	Wed., Feb. 9.

...ance, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Sarpedon	Wed., Feb. 9.
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 8th March.)	
Hoihow and Haiphong	Tean	Wed., Feb. 9, 10 a.m.
and Indan	Loksun	Wed., Feb. 9, 2 p.m.
atowat, Amoy and Formosa	Kotsu Maru	Wed., Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
atavia	Tjikembang Thure	Wed. 10, 11.30 a.m.
angalia	Kaying	Thurs., Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
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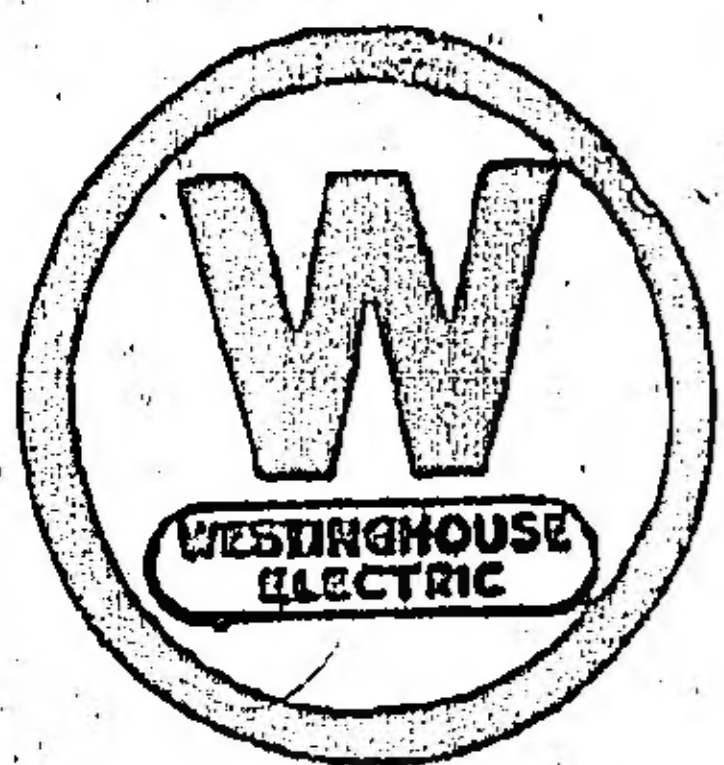
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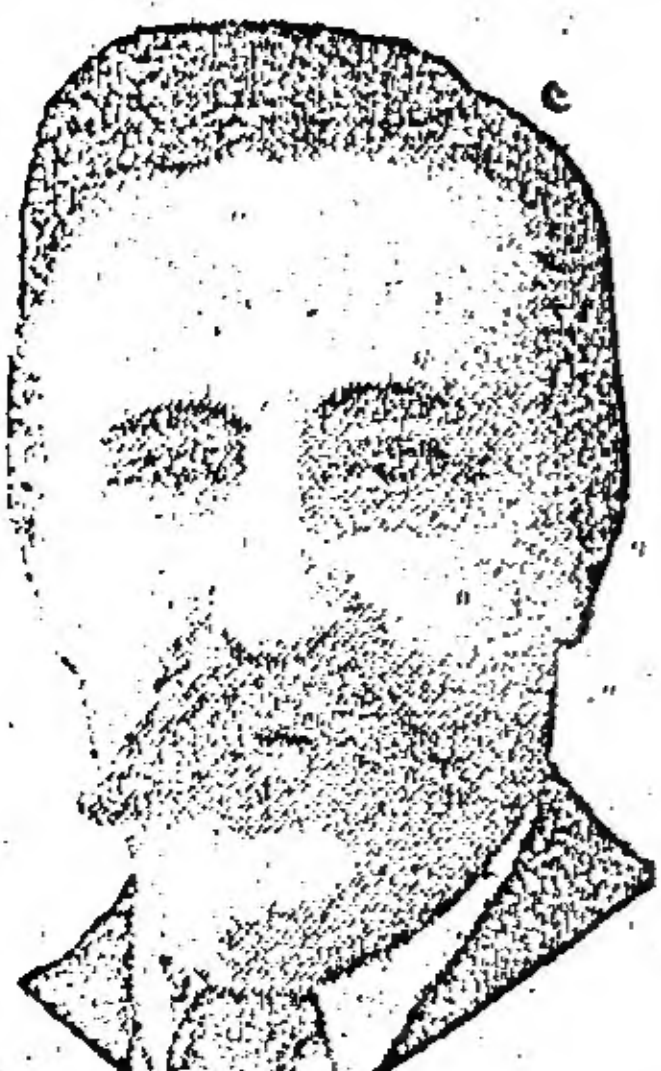
## THE DUKE OF YORK.

DUE TO ARRIVE IN THE  
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London, Feb. 7.

The Duke and Duchess of York are expected to reach Nukahiva in the Marquesas Islands this morning on their journey to New Zealand and Australia.—British Wireless.

Prince Ludwig Windischgratz, who was sentenced to a term of imprisonment in connection with the forgeries of French banknotes in Hungary, has been released "on two months' sick leave," and removed to a nursing home.



Our Portrait is of Mr. E. F. WHEELER, of 22, Regent Street, Balby, Doncaster, England, who writes:—

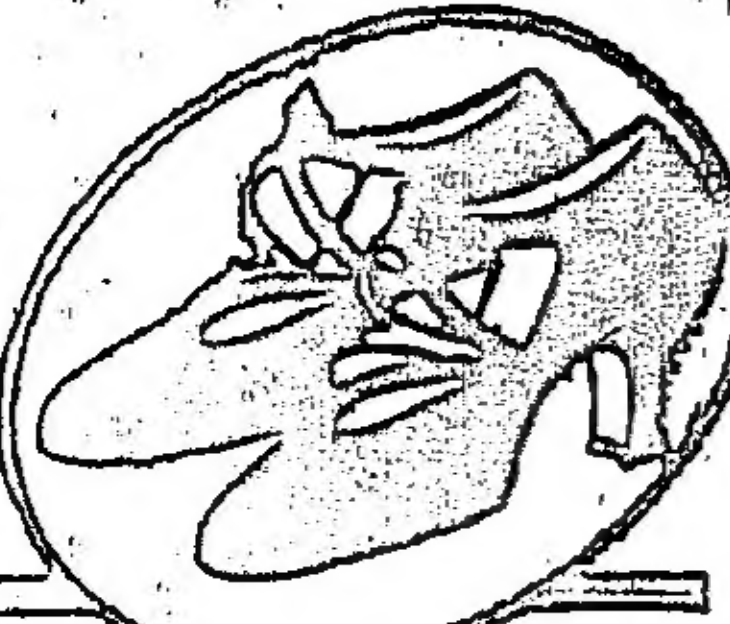
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The Government of the Straits Settlements is acquiring 356 acres of land in connexion with the defence of the eastern approach of the Straits of Johore on the Singapore side, on which the naval base and aerodrome will be situated. It is also acquiring several islands at the eastern entrance of the Straits.—Reuter.

## OBITUARY.

## MRS. HARVEY DECKER.

We sincerely regret to announce the death which occurred yesterday at the Victoria Hospital, of Mrs. Ada May Decker, wife of Mr. Harvey Decker.

The deceased lady came to the Colony from Mackay, Queensland, and leaves a husband and four children, in addition to twins recently born; also a brother and sister, Mrs. Wong, in the Colony, and another sister in Australia.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5 o'clock.

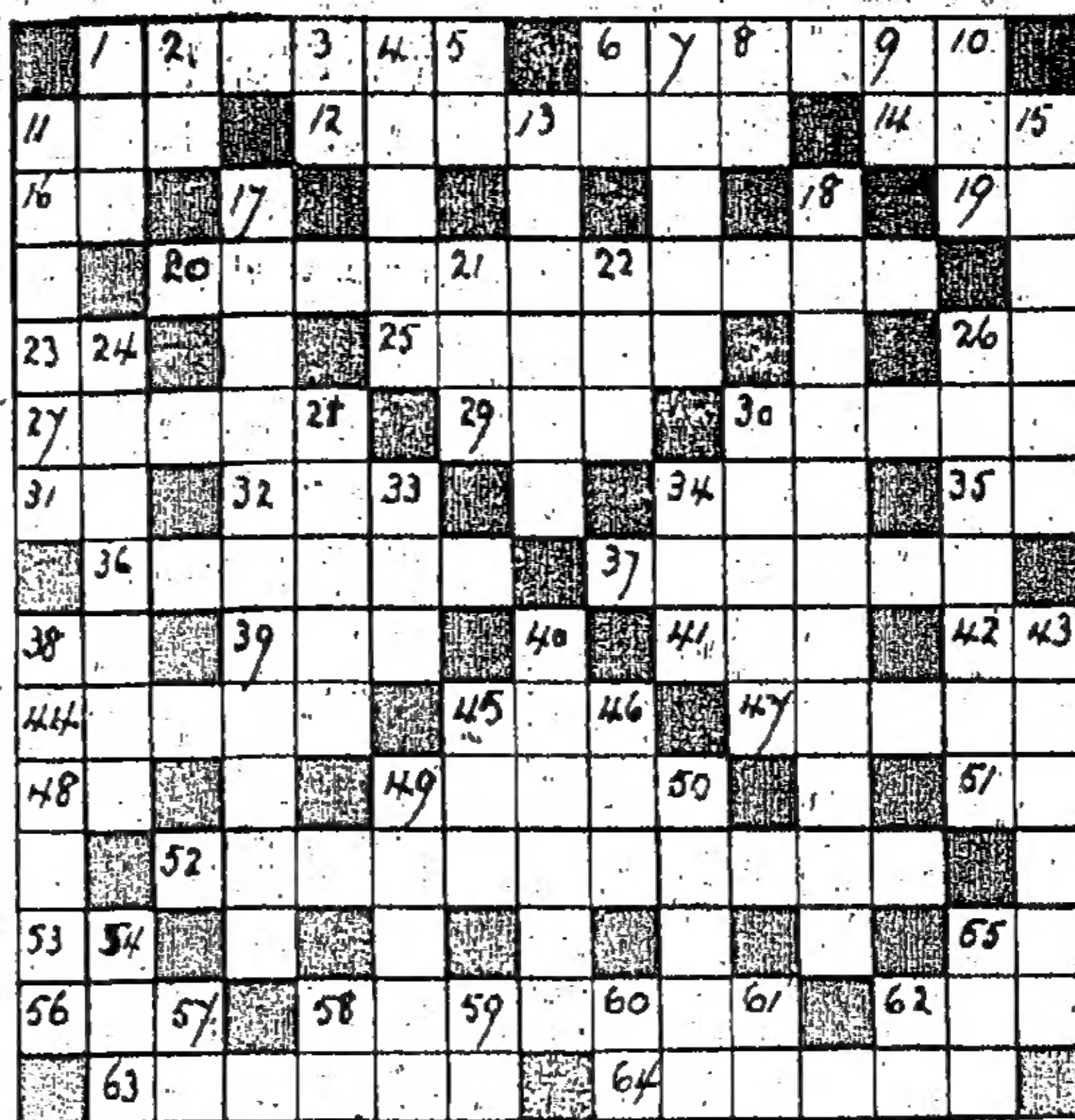


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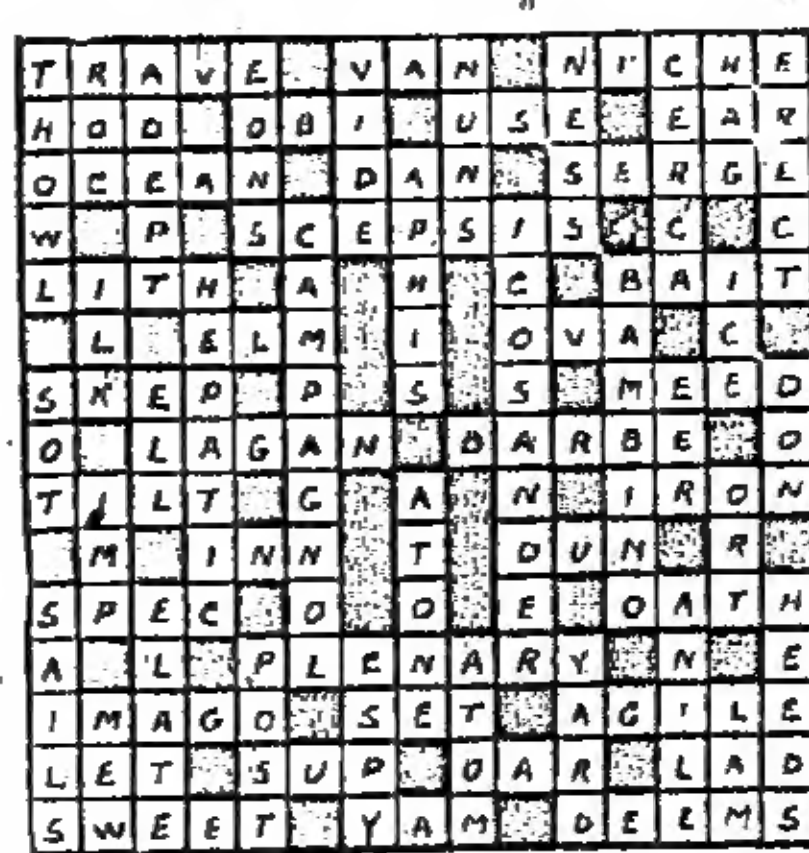
## Across.

- 1 Narrow strips of leather.
- 6 A shed for bees.
- 11 To fix.
- 12 A wild bird.
- 14 A river flowing into the Wash.
- 16 Diphthong.
- 19 In this manner.
- 20 Formed by sediment.
- 23 And (French).
- 25 Made up of three parts.
- 26 Slang for father.
- 27 Wanders.
- 29 Direction of the wind.
- 30 An artist.
- 31 A note in music.
- 32 A prophet.
- 34 An emmet.
- 35 Steam Yacht (abb.).
- 36 Poems.
- 37 A selfish person.
- 38 Point of the compass.
- 39 Congealed water.
- 41 Famous Archbishop.
- 42 And (French).
- 44 A reward.
- 45 A male sheep.
- 47 To take effect.
- 48 Royal Society.
- 49 Style of architecture.
- 51 Saint (abb.).
- 52 Those who go before.
- 53 A Christian era.
- 54 Personal pronoun.
- 56 A college official.
- 58 A plate.
- 62 Obtained from pine.
- 63 A swamp.
- 64 Singularity.

## Down.

- 1 An ecclesiastic's seat.
- 2 Tectolater (abb.).
- 3 Able-bodied seaman (abb.).
- 4 A bird allied to the lark.
- 5 Street (abb.).
- 6 Scotch word for "a".
- 7 To chatter.
- 8 Within.
- 9 Royal Navy.

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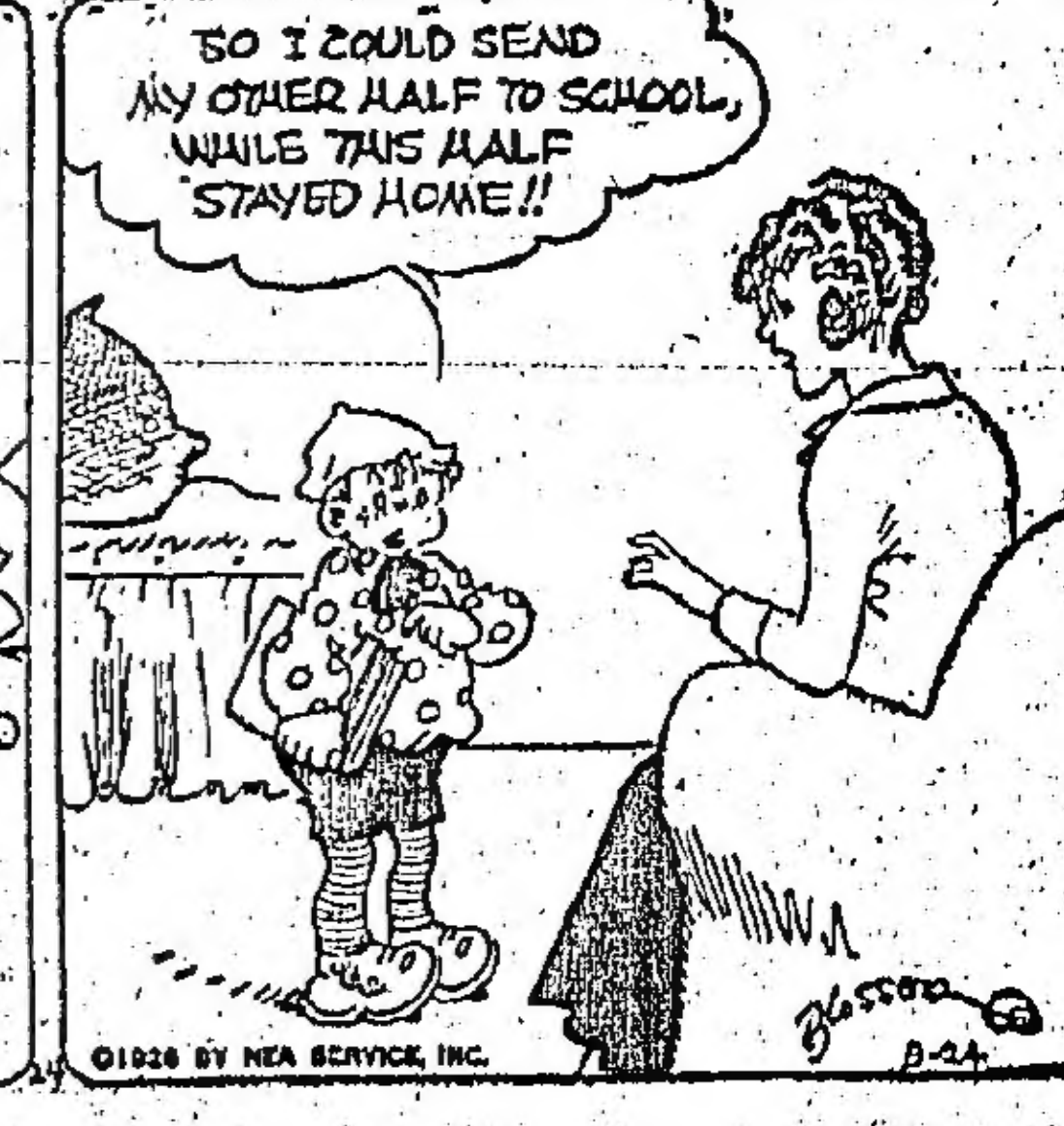
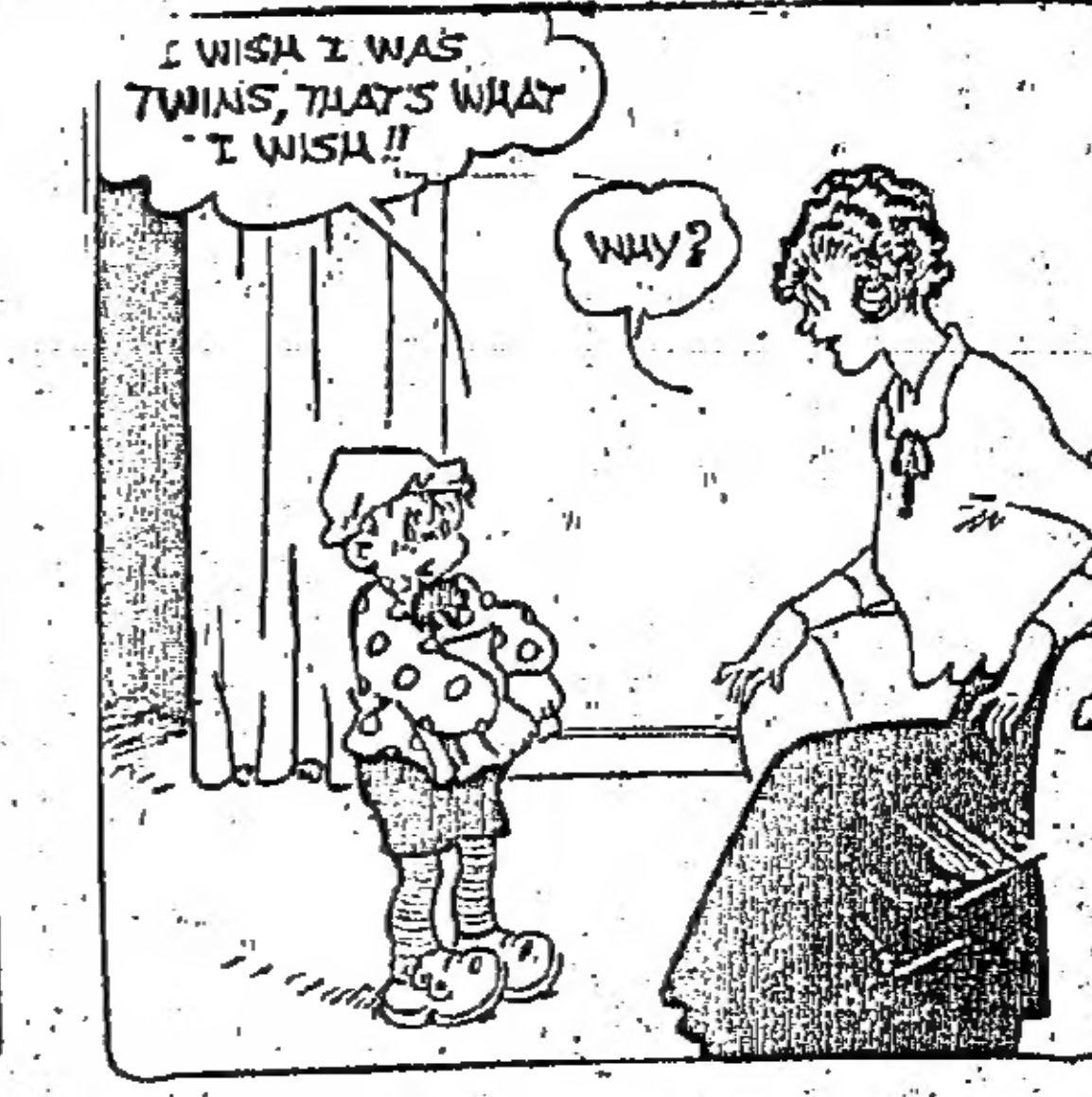
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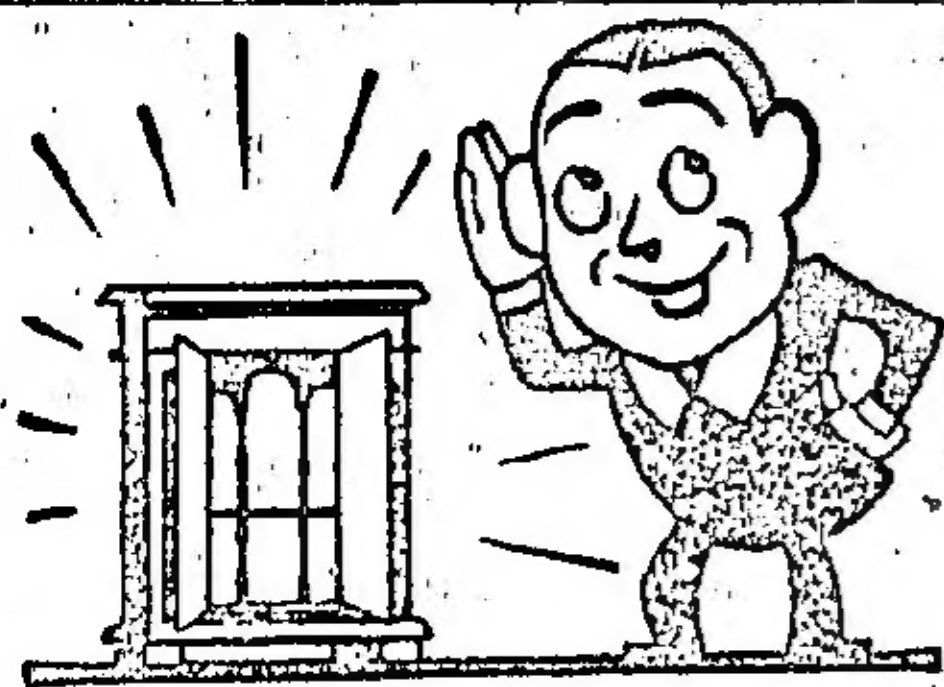
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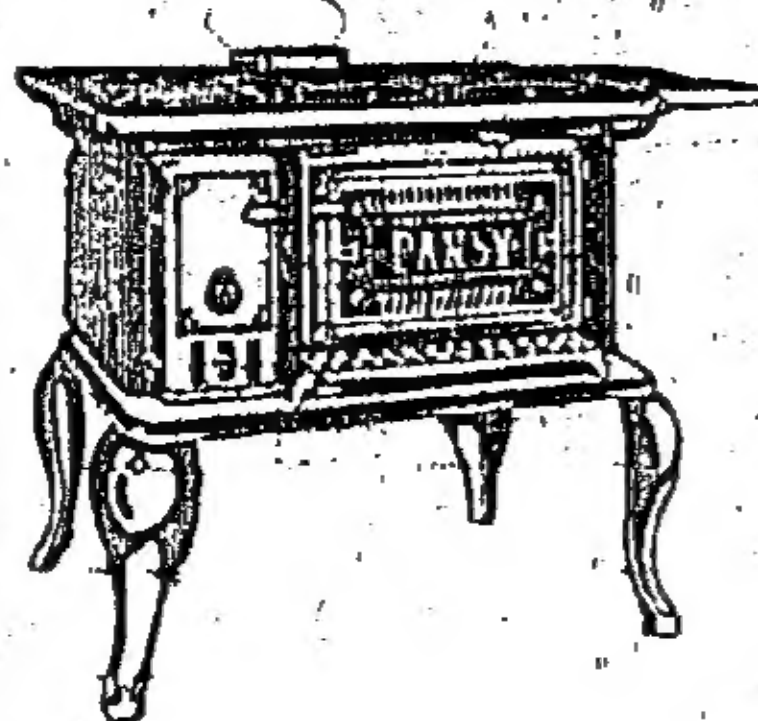
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Mrs. M. R. Salleh and family wish  
to thank those who attended the  
funeral of their father (Mr. Fatta-  
deen) and other friends for their  
sympathy, letters of condolence  
and floral tributes in their recent  
bereavement.

### The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1927.

### THE ONLY WAY.

Some little time ago, the point  
was stressed that America's pro-  
blem, in connection with the Chi-  
nese crisis, was different from that  
of Britain, because of the fact that  
the United States owned no Con-  
cessions in China. In a limited  
sense, that is true, but as we have  
previously pointed-out, the matters  
of principle which have to be faced  
are common to all the Treaty  
Powers. When we come to the  
Shanghai problem, however, the  
United States has a direct interest,  
for the foreign settlement there is  
international in character. Thus  
it comes about that America has  
now made certain proposals with  
the hope of eliminating the Interna-  
tional Settlement from the zone of  
warlike activities. As Britain is  
prepared to negotiate for an altera-  
tion in the status of her Conces-  
sions, so the United States now ex-  
presses willingness to become a  
party to properly constituted nego-  
tiations with regard to the future  
of the Shanghai Settlement.

The dominant feature of the at-  
titude of the Powers towards China,  
in the present crisis is that most,  
if not all, of them recognise the de-  
sirability of extensive Treaty re-  
vision, but that all insist that this  
shall be accomplished by due and  
proper negotiation. That point  
recurs again in statements issued  
by the Powers, and it is one which  
the Nationalists in particular would  
do well to recognise. Whatever the  
nature of foreign rights in China,  
they cannot be modified excepting  
by mutual agreement. Even Mr.  
Ramsay MacDonald admits the  
reasonableness of that standpoint.  
He adds that force should not be  
used by either side over this matter  
of Treaty revision. But he ap-  
pears to overlook the point that it  
is the Nationalists who have been  
exercising the force up to the pre-  
sent, utilising it for the express  
purpose of taking away foreign  
rights. British troops are being  
sent East, not for aggressive pur-  
poses, but merely to protect Treaty

rights until such time as they are  
surrendered or varied by negotia-  
tion. Seemingly, the extreme ele-  
ments amongst the Nationalists,  
and possibly amongst Peking's  
leaders as well, think they can get  
all they want by merely taking it.  
If they persist in that belief, how-  
ever, they are likely to discover that  
the Powers may not be so inclined  
towards a policy of conciliation as  
Britain has been at Hankow and  
Kiukiang. It is all very well for  
Mr. MacDonald to say that Labour  
wants to settle the Chinese question  
without either mobs or armies. If  
he lived in China, he would prob-  
ably soon realise that account has  
to be taken both of mob activities  
and Chinese military aggression.

So far as the Powers are con-  
cerned—and this can especially be  
said of Britain—they have surely  
made the issue quite clear by the  
liberality of their proposals to-  
wards China. There is no question  
of wanting to impinge on China's  
sovereignty, nor do any of the  
foreign nations want to insist on  
privileges for the perpetration of  
which there is now no necessity.  
But they do all insist that there is  
one—and only one—way of dealing  
with the numerous issues involved  
in the present crisis. That way is  
by negotiation. Until China's  
political and military leaders come  
round to a recognition of that cen-  
tral point, the present unsatisfac-  
tory position is likely to continue.

### Educating Adolescents.

There has been a great deal of  
comment at Home on a report  
which has just been issued by the  
Consultative Committee of the  
Board of Education on the "Educa-  
tion of the Adolescent" in which is  
laid down the broad principle that  
education should be regarded so  
that the primary and secondary  
stages, instead of overlapping as at  
present, shall be continuous, and  
that all normal children shall go on  
to some form of secondary educa-  
tion. But within the secondary sys-  
tem, schools with a predominantly  
realistic or practical curriculum  
will stand on the same footing as  
those offering education of a more  
theoretical kind. The Committee  
naturally recommend that in cen-  
tral (or, as they are to be called,  
modern) schools a practical bias in  
the curriculum should only be in-  
troduced after careful considera-  
tion of local economic conditions  
and upon the advice of local em-  
ployers and employed. But it is  
encouraging to find, says the *Man-  
chester Guardian-Commercial*, that  
they add that the bias "should not  
be of so marked a character as to  
prejudice the general education of  
the pupils": for, as in times of  
prosperity too little attention was  
given, too much weight can be  
given to the apparent "needs" of  
industry and trade at a time of  
anxiety and depression. At any  
time a good general education is the  
only foundation of a successful  
vocational training. It is regret-  
table that the Committee should  
base on economic grounds their re-  
commendation that the school-leav-  
ing age should be raised to 15 at  
the beginning of the school year  
1932. Such a recommendation  
should be discussed on social and  
educational grounds only. The re-  
port of the Malcolm Committee,  
published earlier, showed that on  
economic grounds alone it was de-  
sirable to raise the school-leaving  
age to 16. The average business  
man is, we think, progressive  
enough to support any deliberate  
and logical policy that gives to  
educational needs the first and to  
"economic" needs only the second  
place.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Feb. 7.	
Paris	123.40
Brussels	34.88
Amsterdam	12.13 1/2
Berlin	20.46
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	34.42 1/2
Helsinki	192 1/2
Lisbon	217/32
Rio	5 1/2
Romany	1/5
Yokohama	2/0 9/64
New York	48.15 1/16
Geneva	25.22
Stockholm	113 1/4
Oslo	18.72
Prague	103 1/2
Madrid	28.74
Athens	37.4 1/2
Buenos Aires	46 1/2
Hongkong	2/0 4
Shanghai	25 1/2
Silver (spot)	27 1/2
Silver (forward)	27 1/2

—British Wireless.

### DAY BY DAY.

HE WHO IS NEVER SATISFIED CAN  
GIVE NO SATISFACTION TO OTHERS.  
—Duke de Lorraine.

The Empress of Asia left Van-  
couver on the 6th February, and  
is due here on the 25th February.

The s.s. Sul An will leave for  
Macao at 9 a.m. on Sunday, the  
13th inst., and not at 8 a.m., as ad-  
vertised yesterday.

Yesterday's health return shows  
that one Chinese case of small-  
pox and two Chinese cases of  
typhoid fever were reported.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Archbutt and  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Odell were  
amongst the passengers arriving  
by the s.s. President McKinley.

Fuga Island, North of Luzon,  
has been sold to an unnamed pur-  
chaser in Shanghai, according to  
a cable received in Manila from  
the Manila broker, Mr. J. J. Danon,  
now in Shanghai.

For breaking into a dwelling-  
house at No. 13, Whitfield Street,  
and stealing clothing to the value  
of \$9, a Chinese was sentenced by  
Major C. Willson this morning to  
two months' hard labour.

By kind permission of the Com-  
manding Officer, the Dance Band  
of H.M.S. Caradoc will play under  
the direction of the Band Presi-  
dent, Mr. D. R. Reiss-Smith, at the  
Repulse Bay Hotel, on Saturday,  
February 12, commencing at 8.30  
p.m.

A remand until Friday, when the  
ship is expected to return, was  
again accorded on the application  
of Chief Detective Inspector Mur-  
phy, prosecuting this morning in  
the case in which a man is charged  
with being implicated in the Ha-  
noi piracy.

Twenty Chinese arrested during  
a raid at Stone Nullah Lane were  
charged with playing *paikien*,  
before Major C. Willson this morn-  
ing. Nineteen were fined \$3 each,  
while the remaining defendant,  
who did not appear, had his bail  
of \$5 estreated.

Mr. D. E. Clutter, special rep-  
resentative of the Firestone Tire and  
Rubber Co., arrived here by the  
s.s. President McKinley. Round-  
the-world passengers by the same  
liner included Mr. and Mrs. W. A.  
Dunn and three daughters, of Los  
Angeles, and Mr. and Mrs. C. G.  
Spencer and daughter.

There were five deaths from  
typhoid fever in Hongkong last  
week, and two from diphtheria.  
There were also three non-fatal  
cases of small-pox, one non-fatal  
case of puerperal fever and one  
fatal case each of cerebro-spinal  
fever and rabies. All the cases  
were Chinese, excepting one Eng-  
lish occurrence of typhoid.

To-morrow afternoon, at 4.30  
p.m., at Government House, His  
Excellency the Governor, Chief  
Scout of Hongkong, will inspect  
the Scout Troops and present the  
Prince of Wales' Banner won, in  
1925, by the 20th Hongkong Troop,  
for general efficiency in Scoutcraft  
and the year's work. The holders  
of the banner, during their year  
of tenure, are entitled to be  
called "The Governor's Troop."

### FADING NEWSPAPERS.

#### A PROBLEM OF THE FUTURE.

New York, December 15.—On  
January 1 the *New York Times*  
is to make an innovation in the  
newspaper world. It intends to  
print a limited number of copies  
of its regular editions on pure 100  
per cent. rag paper. These copies  
are for the use of public libraries  
and such institutions as desire to  
preserve daily records of the  
world's happenings.

It will be the first time that the  
*New York Times* has been  
printed on rag paper, since the  
Civil War. It will also represent,  
it is believed, the first instance in  
which any newspaper has printed  
an edition on all-rag paper since  
the inferior, but more economical  
wood-fibre newspaper universally  
took its place about fifty years ago.  
This return to a time-proof edi-  
tion has been rendered necessary  
owing to the fading of the modern  
type of print. For instance, al-  
ready the files of the war news-  
papers of 1914-1918 are rapidly  
fading, and soon will be quite un-  
readable. On the other hand,  
newspapers printed during the  
Revolutionary period, 150 years  
ago, are still quite legible.

### PRAYER BOOK REVISION.

#### IMPORTANT ECCLESIASTICAL EVENT.

London, Feb. 7.  
The most important ecclesiasti-  
cal event in the Church of England  
within living memory, is the meet-  
ing of the Convocation of Canter-  
bury and York to be held in  
London, at which the two Arch-  
bishops will be presented with a  
Draft Copy of the Revised Prayer  
Book, prepared by the House of  
Bishops, for the final considera-  
tion by the Convocation of all  
proposals of a permissive charac-  
ter to increase the number of  
General prayers.

The proposals include a re-  
ference to the League of Nations  
and industrial peace, and involve  
minor amendment to the Services  
of Baptism, Marriage and Burial,  
requiring both the bride and  
Bridegroom to respond, promising  
"to comfort, honour and keep."  
The bride will no longer promise  
to "obey."

Henceforth, the reservation of  
the Sacrament shall only be  
used for the Communion of the  
Sick.  
It is stipulated that the changes  
shall not be used arbitrarily or  
without the goodwill of the peoples  
represented on the Parochial  
Church Council. The revision has  
not yet received final form, pend-  
ing its consideration by the Con-  
vocation, which gives its verdict  
on March 29, after which the  
Prayer Book will be submitted  
to Parliament, who may accept or  
reject, but cannot amend.—*Eccler.*

#### FIRST REVISION FOR 300 YEARS.

London, Feb. 7.  
Many changes in church services  
are authorized in the proposed  
new Prayer Book which has been  
drawn up by the Bishops of  
Church of England and which was  
laid before the Convocation of  
Canterbury and York, sitting  
together this afternoon in West-  
minster.

The proposal to make alterations  
in the Prayer Book, after nearly  
300 years has aroused acute con-  
troversy and the recommendations  
of the Bishops are, in the nature  
of a compromise between the  
Evangelicals, on the one hand, and  
the Anglo-Catholics, on the other.  
The use of the new Prayer Book is  
not compulsory and it is de-  
pendent on the goodwill of each in-  
dividual congregation.

The changes affect the Com-  
munion and include new forms of  
Service to meet modern conditions  
and problems. Important among  
these is the omission from the  
Marriage Service of the promise  
of the bride to "obey and serve"  
her husband. The bridegroom,  
instead of declaring "With all my  
worldly goods, I thee endow,"  
declares "All my worldly goods I  
with thee share." Cremation is  
provided for and in the Prayers  
for Industrial Peace the League  
of Nations and election-time de-  
velopments. In the world since the  
last revision of the year 1662 are  
freely recognised. Prayers for  
the dead are for the first time in-  
cluded in the Burial Service, being  
authorized for "Those whom we  
love but see no longer."—*British  
Wireless.*

### TRAFFIC MISHAPS.

#### TWO REPORTED YESTERDAY.

Two traffic accidents occurred yester-  
day. In one of these, it is reported  
that the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kote-  
wall's car knocked down a Chinese  
who was walking along Queen's  
Road West, near Kwai Hing  
Street, and caused slight injuries  
to the man, who however, refused  
to go to the Government Civil  
Hospital for treatment.  
In the other, the driver of a  
motor lorry reported that the  
vehicle skidded when he applied  
the brakes while going down  
Pokfulam Road. The lorry ran  
into a lamp-post and knocked it  
down. No-one was injured.

The ordinary yearly meeting of  
the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking  
Corporation is advertised to be  
held at the City Hall, on Saturday,  
February 25, at noon.

It is announced that the con-  
ductorship of the Star Theatre  
has now been placed in the hands  
of Mr. Herbert Morris, formerly  
of the Globe Trottars, than which  
no better recommendation could be  
given. From now on, the demands  
of picture lovers, who also have  
the harmonious complex, will be  
adequately catered for at the  
Peninsula picture house.

### The Very Idea!

As the student thinks—  
The chief feature of the play of  
"Richard II" is the decomposition  
of the King.

The German Emperor is called  
the ex-Goyser.

A pagoda is a chair on wheels  
used for carrying people about.

Humphrey of Gloucester and  
Cardinal Beaufort died shortly  
after each other.

Overheard at the Motor Show:  
First Fair Enthusiast—"There's  
a cheap car—only \$198."

Second Fair Enthusiast—"Oh,  
do you think so? \$198 without  
the works!"

I looked, says a correspondent,  
and read, "£198 ex-works."

O Caledonia, stern and wild,  
Meet muse for a poetic child!  
Just listen to the Burns' Nicht  
men,

Singing songs of butt and ben.

Some of fashion's foibles during  
the past couple of months—

Rubber ear-rings painted in the  
brightest colours, and of any size  
from one inch across to the size  
of "houp-la" rings.

Air cushion coats for securing  
comfort when sitting on hard  
chairs. The garment has a re-  
markable lining, which can be  
inserted and inflated.

Shoes that grow with children  
were seen at the London Exhi-  
bition of Inventions.

Berets, with or without a  
feather. Popular colours—  
Yellow, red, orange, and blue.

Fashionable colours with seduc-  
tive names, such as malvate,  
tulip leaf, sandalwood, del-  
phinium, pimpernel, copper  
beech, barley-corn, burgundy,  
golden brown, and mulberry.

Bells on garters, which clink  
musically as milady trips daintily  
along. There are "clinks" of rich  
basso, melodious, tenor, and some  
can imitate the chimes of Big Ben  
down to the last note.

These are but a few of the  
vagaries of Dame Fashion, and it  
will be observed no mention has  
been made of spats, because  
there is no desire to offend the  
Russian boot.

Deputy chairman at the London  
Sessions: Do you mean to say that  
your boy is thirteen and does not  
know what a betting slip is?  
Father: He does not know, sir.  
He is a very bad scholar.

Yorkshireman, summoned for a  
motoring offence at Kingston:  
When the constable saw the ser-  
geant he winked at him as I came  
up.

If a lady waltz with you, beware  
not to press her waist. You must  
only lightly touch it with the open  
palm of your hand. Unmarried  
ladies must refrain from it  
altogether both in private and in  
public. Very young married  
ladies, however, may be allowed to  
waltz in private balls with persons  
of their acquaintance!

This is just a sample from an  
old book of etiquette written  
about 75 years ago.

A certain golfer, before playing  
a shot, had a habit of turning  
round to his caddy and saying  
"Sh-sh," without the least oc-  
casion for doing so.

A new caddy was about to set  
out with the "hush-hush" player  
when an old-caddy-plucked him  
by the sleeve, and whispered by  
way of friendly encouragement,  
"Noo, Tam, ye're a richt wi'  
Maister Doules so long as ye dinna  
mind hearin' a man persectently  
sand-paperin' his whistle."

An Edinburgh school "howler":  
"James Cook was born in York-  
shire at a very early age, with  
little or no education. When he  
was a boy he went to sea, and he  
soon rose to be a captain. He  
made up his mind to go and search  
for an island in the South Seas,  
and when he got there he found  
there was no such place."

Mr. H. W. Selby-Lowndes, the  
well-known M.F.H., in his "Hunt-  
ing and Sporting Reminiscences,"  
tells an amusing story of a village  
cricket match.

There was one run to make (he  
states) and one wicket to fall, and  
the last man to go in, having  
rather overdone it at lunch, was  
told by the captain, "Now be very  
careful, and if you see two balls  
hit the one on the right."

In he went and got clean-bowled  
the first ball. On his return to  
the pavilion the captain asked him  
why he did not do as he was told.  
"I did," he replied. "I saw two  
balls and hit the one on the right,  
but I hit it with the wrong bat!"



## FINEST PLANE.

## THE "CITY OF DELHI" CHRISTENED.

## INTERESTING SPEECHES.

Sir Samuel Hoare speaking at Delhi on January 10th, at the christening ceremony in connection with the aeroplane in which he made his historic journey from England to India, delivered an interesting speech.

Addressing the gathering, Sir Samuel said:—"It is my privilege to ask Your Excellency to approve of the naming of this aeroplane the City of Delhi and to ask Her Excellency Lady Irwin to perform the ceremony. The City of Delhi is the first of a new type of machine that is to be used for a commercial flying service between Great Britain and the East. Each of the machines of the line is to be named after one of the great Capitals along the route.

"I am glad to think that the first machine to be named is the City of Delhi and that this ancient and historic Capital will be associated with an enterprise that may be of great importance to India and the world.

## FINEST PLANE IN THE WORLD.

"No citizen of Delhi need feel ashamed of the association of his city's name with this machine, for I can say, without fear of contradiction and with the admission not only of our own experts but also of our flying competitors in France and Germany, that it is far the finest and most efficient aeroplane yet produced by any country of the world.

"If I need support for this contention I need only point to the fact that the journey that Lady Maud Hoare and I have just completed was carried out at a speed of 100 miles an hour without a single hitch, mishap or delay in the working of the machine or any of the three powerful Jupiter Bristol engines. It may, therefore, be claimed that the City of Delhi, now about to be named by Lady Irwin, is the most highly developed civil aeroplane in the world.

## PURSUITS OF PEACE.

"I believe, however, that this machine is something more than a purely mechanical invention. Your Excellency will remember that when you and I were colleagues in successive British cabinets I did not relinquish my efforts not only to strengthen the air defences of the British Isles but also to open the air to the pursuits of peace and to the needs of human intercourse. The air must not be abandoned to the horrors of war and to the most terrible inventions of destruction.

"May this aeroplane then be not only the means of carrying passengers and mails as quickly and as safely as it has brought Lady Hoare Hoare and myself to India but may it also be the symbol of the peaceful uses of the air and a proof that the aeroplane is not only a weapon of military destruction but is also an instrument of peace and a stimulus to the progress and prosperity of great countries such as India and Great Britain.

## THE VICEROY'S SPEECH.

H. E. the Viceroy, replying, said:—"I am very pleased that I should have been asked to take part in this ceremony. A voyage such as Sir Samuel and Lady Maud Hoare have achieved carries our thoughts back to journeys in earlier days between Europe and India when the slowfooted camel and the beast of burden carried Indian merchandise across the old land route to Southern Europe when men made the discovery—amazing in those times—of a route to India and finally succeeded in shortening the journey by the Canal which severs the Asiatic Continent from Africa. Many people looked to the railways as the next obvious step in speeding up the communication between England and India, but the air has forestalled them. The political, commercial and social implications of this new development of travel are obvious enough, and I need not elaborate them.

## GOAL OF MANY JOURNEYS.

"Sir Samuel Hoare stated a day or two ago that India, by virtue of her size and geographical position, might well become the air centre of the East, and I see no reason why in the course of time his prophecy should not come true. When that time comes India will look back and remember the day when this machine first landed in the city from which it is now to take its name.

## MUDFORD MEDITATES.

## TOWN IN THROES OF COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

## THE PARTIES PREPARE.

Mudford-on-the-silver-sea, the Y.M.C.A. garden city, is in a furor over the Town Council elections, the campaigning for which opened in real earnest yesterday. All parties got off the mark in great style, though the Moderates got a point in by seizing the "Town Hall" flagpost for the exhibition of their banner.

The proceedings throughout were marked by boisterously friendly rivalry, and even the unprepossessing appearance of the Socialist candidate Mr. Munn, whose Sunday suit was as usual in pawn, did not unduly offend.

Our reporters gathered the following in their tour of the town:

## PROGRESSIVE PARTY.

(From Our Own Correspondent, Mudford.)

Mudford has been raised to its present state of prosperity since we have been in power, and we are looking to the electors to permit us to raise them to wealth beyond the dreams of avarice.

The fisherfolk will then sell their fish to the trippers, instead of having a fish diet from morn to night, the hotel-keepers will be able to afford to go out to chow, and even the lowest will be in a position to stew in Mudford's own brine baths.

We are true blue, though we didn't show it until last night. Vote Progressive and exchange your votes for Treasury notes.

## MODERATE PARTY.

(From Our Own Correspondent, Mudford.)

The Moderate Party hoisted their flag on high at Mudford yesterday, the Yellow and Black swaying gaily in the breeze over the "Town Hall."

"We are already at the top of the 'pole' was the slogan which carried the Party successfully through a strenuous day. A mass meeting was sprung on the electors during dinner, and stimulating food for the mind was delivered, the audience having the option of listening or starving.

Mr. W. Baxter, the chairman of the party, introduced the candidates, in a speech of telling force.

Mr. Kenton contented himself with pointing out the obvious defects of the other candidates. Mr. Munn was a fishmonger, a scaly sort of person at the best of times. The Socialist always imagined he should have first "phice," was always "cod"-ding the public, continued to "skate" on thin ice, which would eventually break and leave them to "flounder." Mr. Munn was fond of "whiting" the Socialist sepulchre, but sane persons would not "roe" with them. Their "sole" aim was to "erab" the middle class, and they were deserving of nothing more than "carp"-ping criticism. They fell off their "perch" in the face of a straightforward question. Mr. Joseph Long, the bus driver candidate, used oily words, but he was a gaseous individual.

Mr. Walker, the other Moderate candidate, outlined the policy of the party. The schemes of the Progressives might be useful if they were scrapped, and revised on more moderate lines. You don't ride your steed hard if you wish to travel far, he pointed out. Some very effective impressionistic posters have been provided by Mr. A. F. May, it being noticeable that several of the hardened Socialists shuddered when they found the eyes of the world upon them.

Another mass meeting is to be held at 8.30 p.m. this evening.

## SOCIALIST PARTY.

(From Our Own Correspondent, Mudford.)

The Socialist Party began their campaign this evening, a mass meeting being held at 8.30 p.m. In the face of overwhelming (Continued on Next Column.)

"This Imperial city has been the goal of many journeys and many adventures in the past century. It is fitting that it should give its name to the aeroplane whose journey has opened a new age in its history and has added one more to the many roads which lead to Delhi.

"I know that I utter the thoughts of all present to-day when I wish good luck and safe voyaging to the aeroplane which I now invite Lady Irwin formally to name.

## SHANGHAI QUAKE

## WORST FOR OVER 20 YEARS.

## NASTY SENSATIONS.

Two distinct earthquakes were registered by the seismograph in the Observatory at Siccawei on Thursday, the second day of the Chinese New Year, says the N. C. Daily News. The first quake was felt at 11.54 a.m. and the other approximately one hour later at 12.53½ p.m., China coast time.

According to the authorities at Siccawei the shocks were not violent although plainly marked by practically every one in Shanghai. The epicentre is described as being situated about 200 miles to the northwest of Shanghai, the seismic region apparently affected being in the eastern part of the Hoshan district to the west of Nanking.

## EATHER NASTY.

Earth displacement was not large, as indicated by the instruments of the Observatory. One minute after the beginning the pens were thrown to the ground, with the result that the available registration indicated displacement to have been about five millimetres. The period was very short, about half a second or less, and the impression was deemed, even by the scientists at the Observatory and certainly by all persons in Shanghai who experienced the sensation, rather nasty. The first impulse of both the registered quakes was downward which accounted for the effect of swaying in a rocking chair, rather than the more definite shock described by those who have experienced quakes in Japan which resemble the quivering often caused by the passing of a heavy lorry in front of a house.

In Shanghai during the past 20 years only shocks similar in violence to Thursday's have ever been experienced according to the Fathers at Siccawei, and the obvious conclusion is that Shanghai's cushion of liquid mud absorbs much of the vibration and acts as a natural shock absorber between the surface and the solid earth far below.

## CHINESE AUGURIES.

Coming as the shocks did at the beginning of the China New Year the portents are described by the Chinese as being matters for concern. Some say that the earth waves "ran" from north to south and that this indicates therefore the coming victory of the northern forces over those of the south. Others augur a year full of turmoil and unrest owing to the upheavals of natural forces which scientists scarcely accord with interest in human affairs. Once worked up, the superstitious mind needs little encouraging, and from several sources the information was gleaned that the Chinese felt two shocks more than the ones registered by the scientific instruments. These, (Continued on Next Column.)

odds in the shape of cat-calls; and rude noises made by supporters of other parties, George Bolas, who is deputising for Albert Dand, absent on business connected with the Carpenters' Union, opened the ball in a very able speech, introducing the two candidates. He stressed the fact that the Socialists were all against the expenditure unwisely of public money, and that in the advent of trippers and invalids the cost of living would inevitably rise.

Comrade Joe Long next spoke, and had difficulty in making his voice heard, but his speech was to the point.

Comrade Sands wandered from the point but spasmodically he endeavoured to show that the policy of the Progressives would lead in the end to the enslavement of the working man. Fred Munn, "Munn's the Man for Mudford," in a striking peroration, punctuated by searches for the missing place in his notes, and draughts of water, exhorted the wearers of the red insignia to stand firm with him for Mudford for the Mudfordians. He mentioned the fact that in this essentially English town, two of the other candidates were men of alien race, to wit, Scotsmen! A sorry state of Affairs.

To-night's meeting will be held in the Lounge after dinner, at 9 p.m., and questions will be answered from the platform. Socialists—Vote Red!

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according to the more sensitive among us were felt later in the afternoon, and the worst of the lot came at 6 p.m. Owing to the fact however, that scientific instruments of proven infallibility took no note of these later shocks, it is safe to try to convince superstitious friends that their imaginations were running away with them.

## EXPERIENCES OF THE COMMUNITY.

Various effects were noted in the community during the noon hour when the quakes actually occurred. In several of the high buildings along the Bund the swaying was strongly marked. In the offices of the North-China Daily News blinds swung out from the windows, lamp pendants swayed seemingly in a north and south direction, but nothing was displaced. An office chair, with casters, was described by its occupant to have travelled an inch or two backwards and forwards for what appeared to be eight or 10 seconds. Less noticeable were the quakes to the occupants of ground floors, but even here the sensation was one of a definite tilting forward and backward during which rattling of such articles in the room as metal boxes and the lids of jars was plainly to be heard. One person who was travelling upwards in a lift at the exact moment of the second quake experienced nothing. Stepping out on the floor of his destination, he was greeted by the fact that another tremor had just been observed.

## AT FRENCH CLUB.

In the bar at the French Club where the usual convivial holiday gathering was in full swing, pictures were observed rocking on the walls and while not trusting entirely to this, as evidence of an earthquake, a number of persons started out of their places and stood upright in an evident panic during the brief duration of the tremors.

One young woman is reported to have fainted in the French Club, in recollection of the Japanese earthquake. At the Kiangwan Clubhouse a few pieces of plaster fell from the walls as a result of the quakes and all the people there attending the New Year races were afforded opportunity for much jocular conversation.

## ON THE RIVER.

That nothing definite was felt on the river was evidenced by reports from officers of the French cruiser Jules Michelet and the U. S. S. Pittsburg, who declared that nothing out of the way was observed and that the first indication of

any seismic disturbance came from shore reports. The captain of one passenger vessel, however, when told by a visitor from shore that distinct quakes had been felt, exclaimed turning to one of his officers, "There, I told you we had an earthquake," which would indicate that something was apparent to the observant on the river as well.

A resident in the western district of Siccawei declared that he had heard a roaring which seemed to accompany the first quake and which bore no similarity to any other sound which he personally had ever heard.

## AT KIANGWAN RACECOURSE.

The first shock was felt distinctly by the earlier arrivals at Kiangwan race course, most of whom at that time were sitting down toiffin. Those who followed within the next half-hour did not notice anything unusual as they motored down and were distinctly sceptical as they listened to tales of billiard tables in waves, swaying pictures and rocking chandeliers. One member of a tiffin party, when advised to "take more soda with it," triumphantly indicated a crack extending most of the way across one of the inside walls, but lost his point when inquiries established the fact that it was damage of long standing. However, an hour later, there was no doubt about the second shock. On one side of the clock tower a piece of the outer casing of the wall, several square feet in area, fell away and on the other side many more pieces, and even some of the stonework fell off. Fortunately no one was injured and the damage was of no real consequence.

By Royal Decree of the 20th-December last, Mr. A. Methofer, Vice-Consul attached to the Netherlands Consulate General in Hongkong, has been promoted a Consul from 1st January this year.

A sentence of a month's hard labour was altered to a fine of \$10 each at Monmouthshire Quarter Sessions on the appeal of Godfrey Jackson and John Pullman, Pontypool miners, against a conviction for intimidation.

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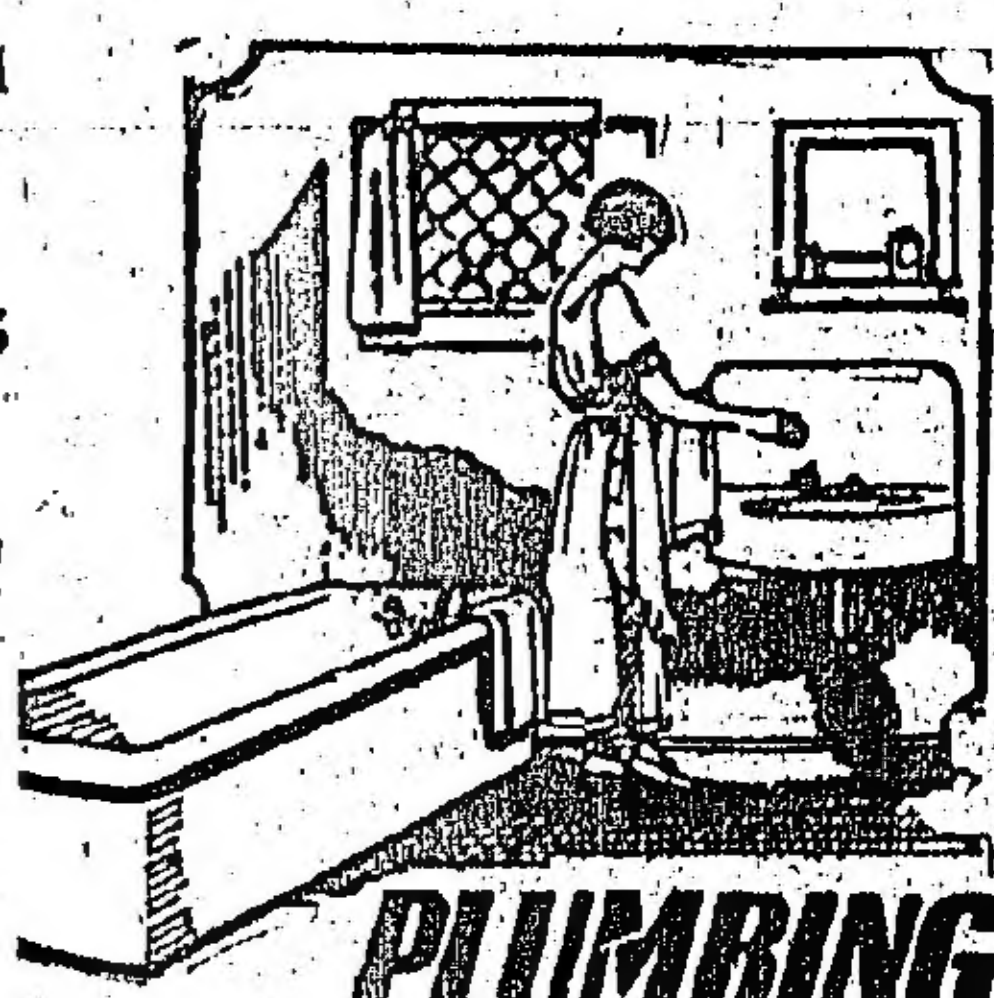
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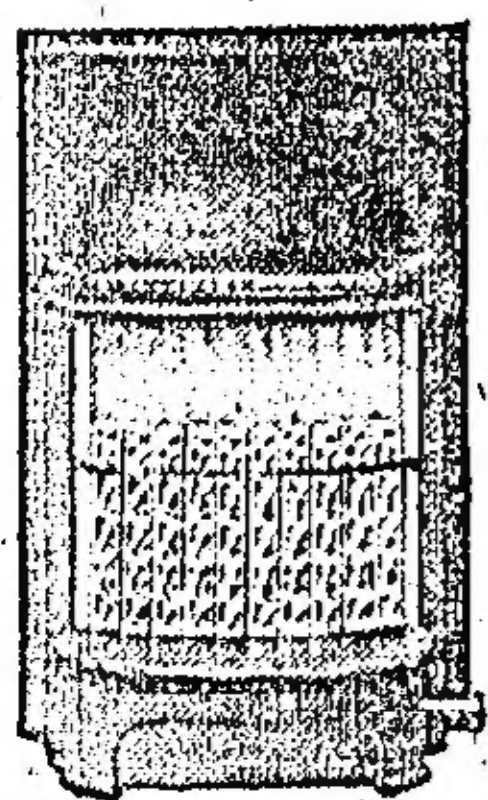
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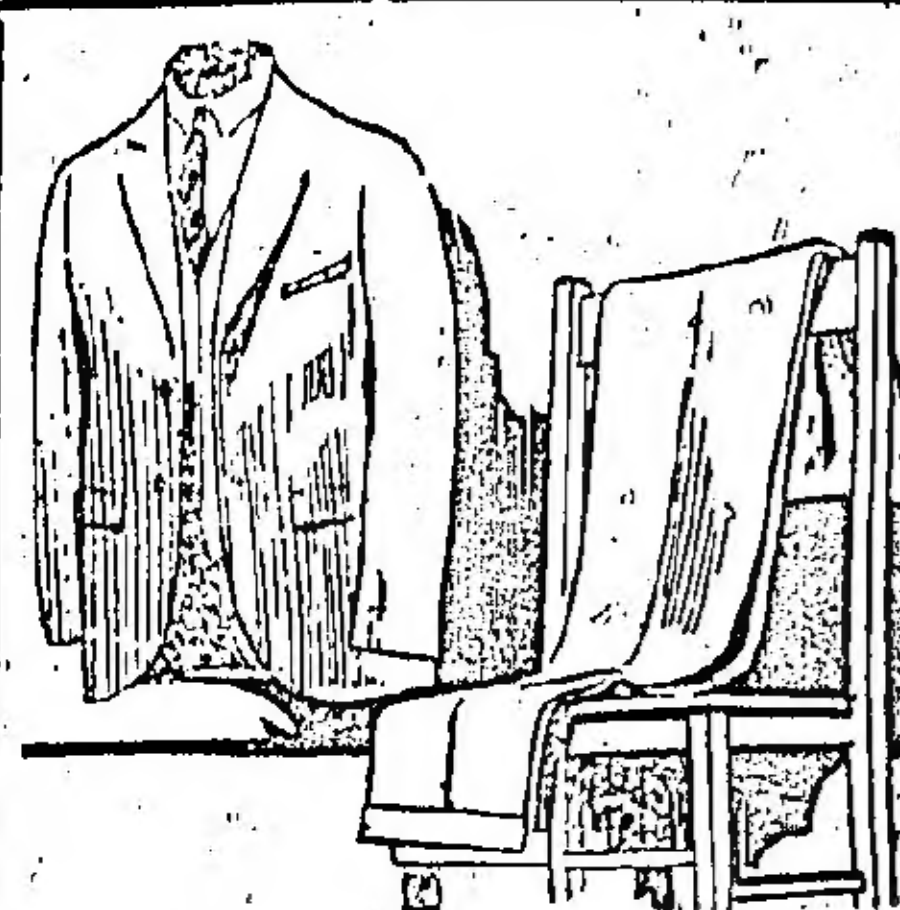
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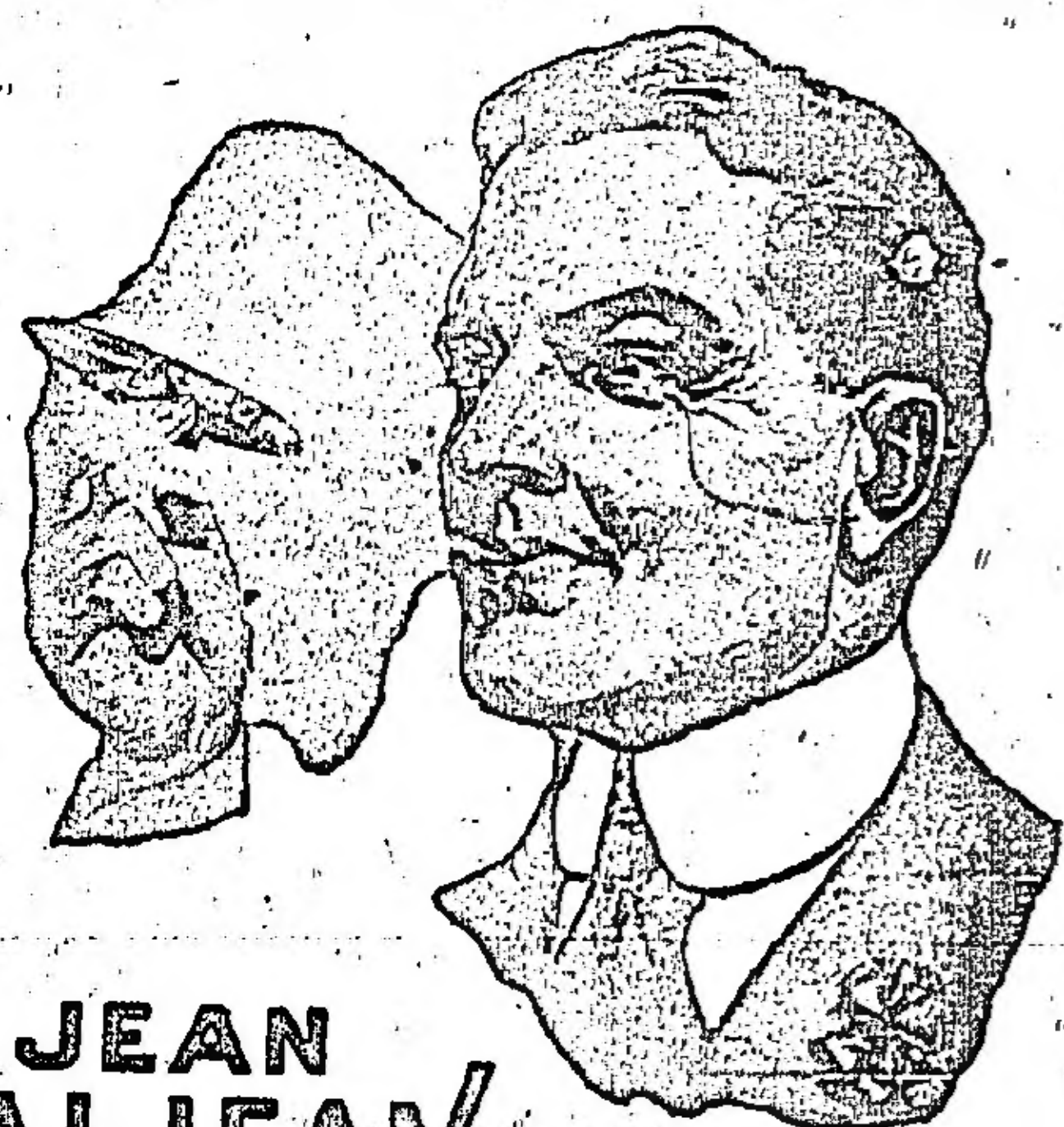
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## APPEAL DISMISSED.

## THE BANK NOTE CASE.

The Full Court assembled yesterday when judgment was given in the appeal of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank against a judgment delivered by Mr. Justice Wood in respect of what has become known as the Banknote Case. It may be recalled that the case concerned the question of payment on a bank note of \$500, certain portions of which, including the number, were missing.

Sir Henry Gollan's judgment was that the appeal should be allowed and the judgment of Mr. Justice Wood reversed. Mr. Justice Wood's judgment was that the appeal must be dismissed with costs.

The Chief Justice said that according to the provisions of the Ordinance of 1912 the appeal stood to be dismissed. Mr. Eldon Potter, for the Bank, asked his Lordship to make a stay for a fortnight, pending the Bank's decision whether they would appeal to the Privy Council.

The Lord Chief Justice said in part: The principal question to be decided in this case is whether, on the facts thereof, the note sued upon has been materially altered so as to be avoided by reason of the disappearance of the number and date of the note which were on it when it was issued by the defendant bank.

Mr. Potter, for the defendants, although submitting that it was not necessary to put it so high for the purposes of his case, argued that the manner of alteration was immaterial; and that if a materially altered note is presented to the bank, payment can be lawfully and finally resisted on the ground that, by reason of its condition, it has become void.

## Plaintiff's Negligence.

There are certain respects in which the facts in the present case differ from those in *Suffell v. The Bank of England*:

(1) The defendant bank's notes are not legal tender nor is the bank compellable at law to issue their notes as against bullion as is the case with respect to the Bank of England.

(2) The alteration in the present case was not purposely or fraudulently made, but was due to the negligence of the plaintiff, as found by the Judge at the trial and not questioned by her Counsel on Appeal.

(3) In *Suffell's* case the notes remained in circulation after the fraudulent alteration, masquerading as notes other than those which had been issued by the Bank of England and still pretending to be legal tender and to form part of the currency. In the present case the note sued on could not have continued to be used as currency after the treatment it had received from the plaintiff, and no attempt was in fact made to continue to use it as currency.

On the facts of the case I hold that on the authority of *Suffell v. The Bank of England* there has been an alteration in the business effect of the note in question in this case, and that this constitutes a material alteration.

Had the obliteration of the number and date been due to an accident and had there been no negligence shown by the plaintiff I should have held that Davidson v. Cooper did not constrain me to hold the note void; as it is the negligence of the plaintiff, as found by the learned Judge in the Court below and not questioned on the Appeal, brings this case within the decision of *Davidson v. Cooper* and I must decide against the plaintiff.

There is certainly authority for the view stated by Mr. Justice Wood that for an alteration to be material it must be shown that the instrument produced is not the same instrument as that executed and issued by the defendant bank; and that, in the present case, the note sued on has not been altered so as to become a different note and is not masquerading as part of the currency of the Colony in a new guise, it has not been avoided.

## Other Defences.

There were other defences raised by the defendants to which I will shortly refer:

(1) They contended that their liability is only to pay the face value of a note bearing a specific number. I see no evidence of any such limitation of the bank's liability in this case, either expressed or implied.

(2) The defendants further alleged that by reason of the obliteration of the number it is not possible to identify the note and so they cannot obtain from the Colonial Government the sum of \$500 deposited in respect of the issue of the note; and further more that they will continue to be liable to pay a sum of one per cent. per annum on the value of the note and that it is inequitable to place them in this position.

I am not satisfied that the absence of the number renders it impossible for them to obtain repayment from the Colonial Govern-

ment in view of the fact that the note is a genuine one.

It was also argued that no effective indemnity would be given by the plaintiff to protect the defendant bank from having to pay a second time on the note. In my opinion no question of indemnity arises on the facts. The missing portions of the note consist of scraps of paper containing portions of the number and date and a few bits of the body of the note.

I do not see how it can be said that such scraps and bits constitute a note which the bank could under any circumstances be called upon to pay.

In my opinion this appeal should be allowed and the judgment of Mr. Justice Wood reversed. As for costs I think they are entitled to costs of this appeal and in the Court below.

## The Other Judgment.

Mr. Justice Wood delivered judgment, and said in part:

I am of the opinion that this appeal must be dismissed. It is with great respect and not without diffidence that I differ from my brother judge's judgment, which I have had the advantage of reading.

I agree that the cases decided under the Common Law may be approached only where an ambiguity is apparent in the words of Section 64 of the Bills of Exchange Ordinance 1885 (Ordinance No. 3 of 1885). My judgment in the Court below should be revised to include a statement to this effect.

Two ambiguities which concern this case, appear in Section 61. The first ambiguity relates to the acts or processes which in alteration may lead to the avoidance of the bill. The second is inherent in the word "alteration" itself.

## The Human Agency.

The discussion whether human agency is necessary to an avoidance of alteration is in the consideration of this appeal merely academic. Human agency is in fact one of the features here present. I have, also, accepted the contention of the Appellants on this point without reservation.

His Lordship then went on to deal with the suggestion that the language of the section itself implied a limitation of its scope to human agency. After dealing with the provisions of this section, and his interpretation of it, His Lordship said that the question whether human agency was necessary to a material alteration of an instrument had never been raised and decided, so far as authorities had been noticed in this appeal, with reference to a bill of exchange.

His Lordship said that he did not desire to amend, on the point of human agency, his judgment in the Court below.

## Interpretation of "Alteration."

Continuing, His Lordship said: There is one consideration only on which the decision of this appeal must turn. It is the one point on which the Appellants have challenged the correctness of the judgment of the Court below. This is the interpretation of the word "alteration" as used in Section 64 of Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 1885, and also in the rule of the Common Law applied in the leading cases.

In the judgment here appealed from I expressed my view as follows:

"Not every change even in a material matter will constitute a material alteration. When the effect of an act or process is considered, the pertinent question will be 'What is the instrument now?' If the only fitting description is 'a portion of the original instrument,' no new character has supervened. This instrument will not now operate in any new way which was not contemplated when it was made."

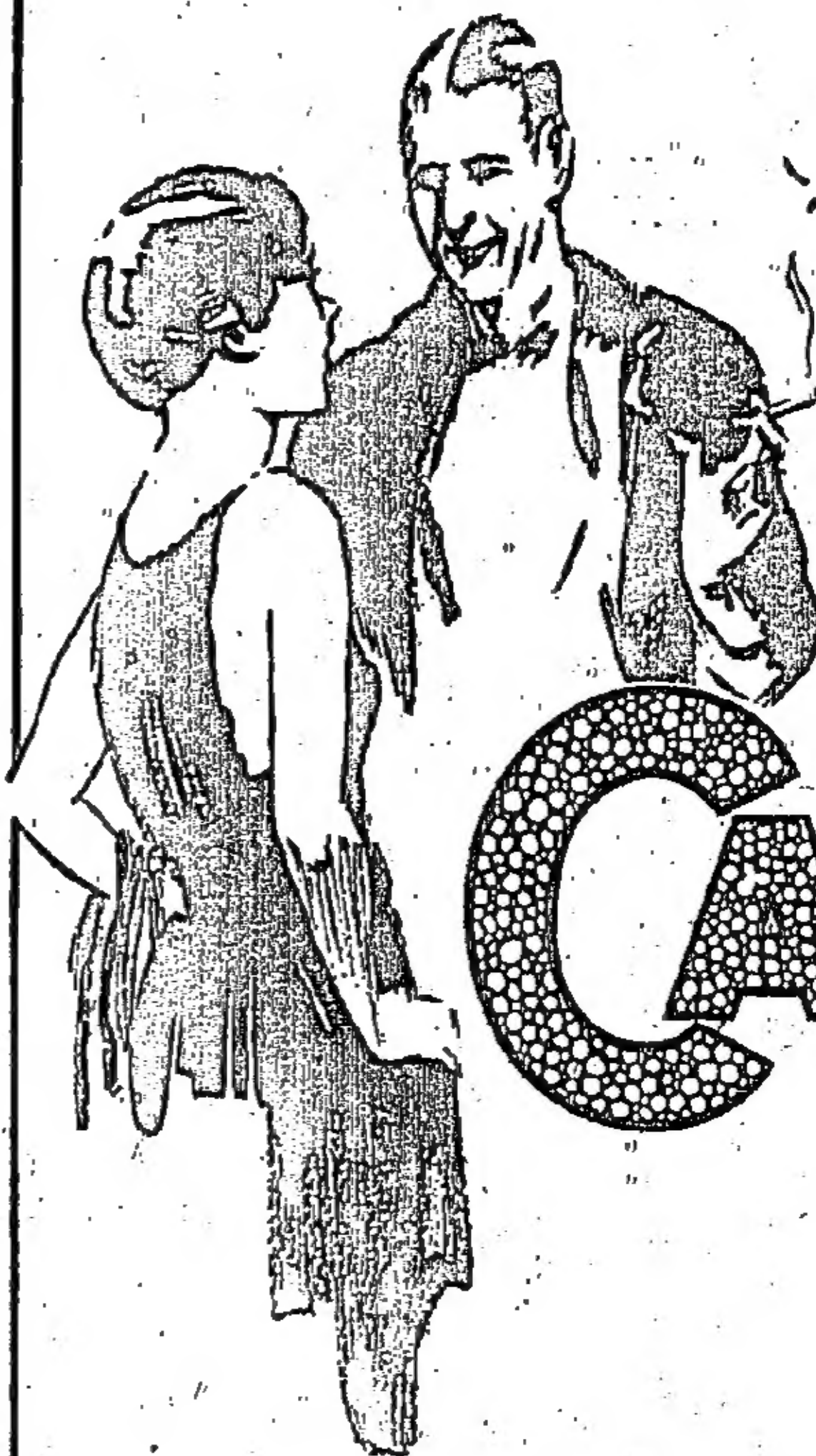
## Correctly Made.

This statement was intended to be an exhaustive illustration of what constitutes a material alteration under the Common Law. It still appears to me to be correctly made. Mr. Potter for the Appellants in the course of argument agreed with me that in none of the authorities in which a material alteration has been held to have occurred is an exception to this statement to be found.

My judgment was right if into the meaning of the word "alteration" is imported the substitution of one legal effect for another legal effect, or also on the extended application of the principle as exemplified in *Suffell v. The Bank of England* (1882, 9 Q.B.D. page 595) one business effect for another business effect. In either case a new effect for an old effect. In other words, it is right if the word "alteration" connotes something more than what is merely mechanical, and is concerned also with the operative consequences of a mechanical process. Otherwise the judgment cannot be supported.

The idea of substitution in a material alteration, which I have noticed and on which I rely, is to be derived not from the word "material" but from the word "alteration." It is in connection with

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the latter word that an ambiguity in section 64 of Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 1885, arises.

## No Alteration.

His Lordship then quoted various Acts and Laws bearing on the subject of "material alteration," and also referred to various actions and judgments given in them, with regard to the material alteration of the business effect of an instrument.

Concluding, His Lordship said: If it is the right view of the law that a change of effect is a requisite in an alteration, I still think that no alteration has occurred to the bank note in this case, and it is here that I dis-

tinguish the present case from the case of *Suffell v. The Bank of England*.

The halving of bank notes, a practice recommended as "expedient" in a text book of the year 1840, "Bills of Exchange," is not an exception to the rule in *Pigot's case*. It illustrates the fact that, so long as a document does not purport to be anything but what it was in its original state, it remains in law unaltered and valid. Note Still Valid.

The Lords' decision in *Davidson v. Cooper* (supra) by which the holder of an instrument is declared responsible for pre-

serving it in its original state appears less harsh when his duty is seen to be to preserve it from alteration and not from every kind of damage.

The "purity" of a document is not relative to its contents but to its purpose and effects. In this case the number of the note has not been altered, because the note does not now purport to speak with a new number. The date also has not been altered, because the clause of the date has not caused it to speak from a new date.

For these reasons it seems to me that the bank note in question is still valid, and that this appeal must be dismissed with costs.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## POLICE AND COOLIES.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—With reference to what "Fair Play" wrote in his letter of yesterday's date on the subject of an assertion alleged to have been made by a certain lecturer on the "Belgianland" to the effect that passengers on that boat need not be surprised if they saw Sikh policemen handling Chinese roughly in Hongkong, as this was the only way in which they could handle Chinese, I feel I should, in the interest of justice and out of pity for unfortunate Chinese coolies, have it known through your columns that although the assertion was exaggerated, it was not wholly untrue.

On several occasions I have seen with my own eyes Sikh policemen beating or using their batons on ricksha and other coolies. This thoughtlessness on their part does not, of course, reflect in the least on the efficiency of the Police Force, nor on British justice as it is generally administered in the East, for both of which I have nothing but the highest esteem.

My purpose in writing this letter is to invite attention to a state of things, which should not exist in Hongkong. Perhaps, a few words of warning or censure from the proper authorities would produce a wholesome effect on those Sikh policemen who are at times a little too prone to resort to physical force.

Thanking you for inserting this letter.—Yours, etc.,

TAN ENG HOOL.  
Hongkong, Feb. 8th, 1927.

## UGLY BUILDINGS.

Sir,—Referring to your leading article of yesterday, it would indeed be interesting to learn from the many tourists at present in this Colony just what they think of our exhibition of bricks and red earth. Take Queen's Road, for instance—an architectural "Mixed Grill," isn't it—and as I pass along it I fervently pray that the good Lord will send as a big fire to clean the whole mass of confusion from our sight. That would be all right, if it were not for the fact that owing to the mischievous methods of our local "Architects"—I can see some of them blushing when they read this complaint—the new buildings would be just as bad as the old ones, with, perhaps, a few more "original" fancy bits stuck on for luck.

You are quite right, Sir. The responsibility for the ugly appearance of our buildings lies more at the door of Architects than the owners for whom they were built. I am a property owner and I have found out to my cost that no matter how much scope or money you may give an architect, unless that architect has been thoroughly trained in every branch of his profession, he will not give you satisfaction.

Anyone, if allowed a sufficient number of years to potter about a drafting room, will eventually be able to draw the plans for a Chinese house. Beyond that he is out of his depth and, quite naturally, with ignorance as his guide, makes some terrible mistakes.

Doubtless, there will be many ready to inform me that before anyone can practice as an architect locally, he must first satisfy the Selection Committee as to the adequacy of his training, etc. This Committee has been in existence for years, and a walk along any of our thoroughfares will convince anyone that it has failed miserably to secure a high standard of architecture which is so desirable in a port of such importance as our Colony undoubtedly is.

Singapore has given us the lead—there is shortly to be introduced into that Settlement a law demanding that all applicants to practice architecture there must be members of certain recognised architectural institutes or societies, thus assuring the unsuspecting client against the "half-baked" practitioner and, at the same time, guaranteeing for the future generation a Colony whose street architecture will be a thing of beauty and a joy for ever.

In conclusion, I would suggest, that the local members of the R. I. B. A. and the Society of Architects get together and form a Society of Architects with a view to introducing some similar legislation in this Colony.

Enclosing my card.—Yours, etc.,  
OWNER.  
Hongkong, Feb. 8, 1927.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

## CUP-REPLAY RESULT.

London, Feb. 7.  
In the English Cup replay match, between Hull and Everton, at Birmingham, Hull defeated Everton by three goals to two.

In the First Division of the English League, Sheffield United lost at home to Liverpool by one goal to four.—*Reuter.*

[In the fifth round of the English Cup, Hull are drawn away to Wolverhampton Wanderers.]

## GOLF.

## BOGEY POOL AT FANLING.

The Bogey Pool at Fanling (Feb. 2nd-4th) resulted in a tie between I. W. Shewan and T. S. Whyte-Smith, 2 up.

Other scores were.—F. A. Redmond, 1 up; R. E. Green-Smith, J. S. McLaren and W. Ironside, 1 down; N. L. Smith and W. L. Alexander, 2 down. There were 74 entries.

## HOCKEY.

## CLUB v. SMALL UNITS.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club v. Small Units to-day at King's Park at 4.45 p.m.—A. J. Frank, J. Wedlake (Capt.), L. A. R. Duncan, J. E. Noronha, Rev. N. Evans, D. H. Rushton, S. T. Orr, T. W. Southam, F. G. L. Wheeler, L. M. S. Lloyd, G. B. Slipper.

## REVOLVERS STOLEN.

## FROM THE LINGNAM UNIVERSITY.

Five revolvers and a quantity of ammunition have been stolen from Lingnam University, says the *Canton Gazette*. They were kept in the home of Mr. P. A. Crampton, superintendent of buildings and ground of the University. The robbery occurred probably between 2 and 5.30 p.m., according to Mr. Crampton. The back door screen was cut; apparently the robbers gained access to the house through the "back entrance." In addition to the five arms and cartridges a pair of scissors were also missing. Aside from these, nothing else was taken. Evidently the robbers had in mind only the theft of the guns.

The stolen fire-arms consisted of three .45 calibre American automatic pistols, one .38 calibre Colt revolver, and one .25 calibre German automatic pistol. The .38 calibre Colt revolver belonged to Dr. Selden P. Spenser, associate professor of English literature at the University. The .25 calibre German automatic and one of the .45 calibre American automatic pistols were the property of Mr. Crampton, while the rest were owned by the University. The amount of ammunition stolen, according to Mr. Crampton, was approximately as follows:—200 rounds of .45 calibre, 50 rounds of .38 calibre, and 75 rounds of .25 calibre.

The theft has been reported to the Canton police and to General Li Fuk-lam, both of whom are at present conducting a thorough investigation into the matter.

## THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

Sir,—With regard to the report about the probability of the Diocesan Boys' School being taken over by the Military Authorities, we beg to state that although nothing is definite yet, arrangements have been considered to carry on the School and Orphanage as usual. Boarders and Day Boys, in adequate premises with playing fields. Alternative premises and grounds in Kowloon were inspected a week ago.

This statement is given to the Press to assure parents and guardians in Hongkong, Kowloon, in the outports and in Formosa, that the welfare of the School has been carefully considered and that they have no need to fear that their boys, who have just begun a new year's work with new books, etc., will have their educational career unduly interrupted. The New Terms is due to begin on Monday February 21st.—Yours, etc.,

P. S. CASSIDY,  
Hon. Correspondent & Secretary.  
W. T. FEATHERSTONE,  
Headmaster.  
Hongkong, Feb. 8, 1927.

## STONEHENGE VIEW RUINED.

## DERELICT WAR BUILDINGS SCANDAL.

Archaeologists, Egyptologists, antiquaries, and historians are incensed with a Government Department which, after eight years, allows derelict buildings, contiguous to Stonehenge. Innumerable protests have been made against this "atrocious trespass," but they appear to have been treated contemptuously by some responsible State Department.

Inquires made by a *Morning Post* representative with a view to learning what Department is responsible for flouting the public taste in this matter were unavailing. No Department seems to know anything about the buildings.

The first inquiry was made at the Office of Works. The Office of Works said the Air Ministry was responsible. The Air Ministry, in turn, referred the inquiry to the Disposal and Liquidation Board, and this Department turned him again to the Air Ministry. All these Departments pleaded ignorance of the Stonehenge "rabble heap." Ultimately it was stated that no buildings under the direct control of the War Office were near Stonehenge.

There is nothing surprising in this determination not to accept responsibility, since it does not redound to the credit of any Department that this eyesore should be allowed to remain on this historic ground.

The buildings were erected during the war and used as a heavy bombing centre. They were, presumably, intended to be permanent, since they are built of brick. The central building, which stands on the side of the roadway running from Warminster to Amesbury, does not now contain one complete pane of glass. Outraged visitors to Stonehenge and mischievous passers-by have left the framework only.

Similar action has been taken with some of the smaller buildings to which access could be easily gained: Pigs and poultry now shelter in the buildings, and people of the nomadic race take free lodgings there.

The condition of the buildings and the use to which they are unofficially put leads one to surmise that rather than remove them they are to be allowed to fall into decay. Meanwhile they form a memorial to some unknown Government Department which has allowed a priceless monument to be dwarfed and obliterated in what was formerly an incomparable setting.

This flagrant instance of despoiling the amenities of the countryside with what the Earl of Crawford called "these horrors, atrocities, and monstrosities," calls for some action on the part of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England.

## GULL'S 3,400 MILES.

## FLIGHT ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

For the second time within three years a Kittiwake gull ringed on the leg for identification purposes as a nestling in the Farne Islands, Northumberland, has been re-taken on the other side of the Atlantic, in this instance in Labrador.

Mr. H. F. Witherby, of High Holborn, W.C., who with a number of ardent naturalists has been probing the secrets of migration by ringing birds for 17 years, and has been responsible for rings being placed on the legs of more than 170,000 wild birds, reported this journey of about 3,400 miles by a gull to *The Daily Mail*.

The details of the two instances are as follows:—Ringed—Farne Islands, June 28, 1923, by Mr. A. C. Greg. Reported—Horseshoe Island, St. Barbe, Newfoundland, August 12, 1924.

Ringed—Farne Islands, June 30, 1924, by Mrs. T. E. Hodgkin. Reported—Grosswater Bay, Hamilton Inlet, Labrador, October 28, 1925.

Mr. Witherby adds:—"It would be mere supposition to suggest how or why these birds travelled from our east coast to the Atlantic, or once there why they crossed the ocean to Canada. We know they follow ships often for a very great distance and this may be to some extent an explanation, but that two birds in two different years should have been discovered to have made this remarkable journey points to something more regular than mere chance.

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"I never was your husband," replied the man. "I was married to this woman years before I deserted her to marry you. If you do not believe me I will prove it, and he called to two children in the next room to come. A lad of 16 and a girl of 15 entered.

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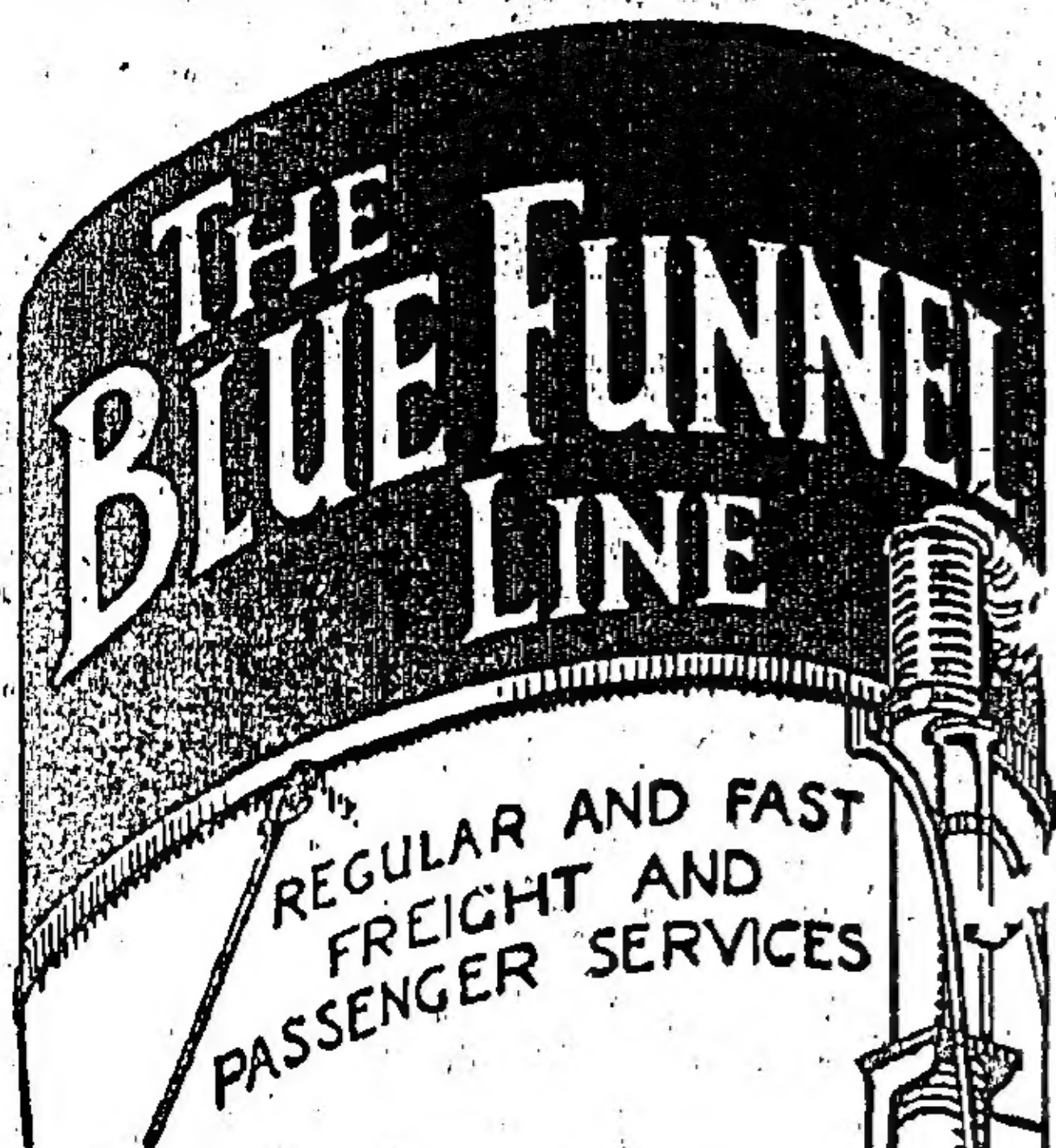
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## LONDON SERVICE

"SARPEDON" 9th Feb. Marseilles, London, R'dam & Glasgow  
 "DEMODOCUS" 22nd Feb. Marseilles, London, R'dam & H'burg  
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## LIVERPOOL SERVICE

"DEUCALION" 20th Feb. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow  
 "PHILOCTETES" 23rd Mar. Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow  
 "NINGCHOW" 15th Apr. Genoa, Havre & Liverpool

## PACIFIC SERVICE

via KOBE & YOKOHAMA  
 "PROTESILAUS" 26th Feb. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle  
 "TALTHYBIUS" 19th Mar. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle

## NEW YORK SERVICE

"PELEUS" 25th Feb. New York, Boston & Baltimore  
 "ATREUS" 25th Mar. New York, Boston & Baltimore

## PASSENGER SERVICE

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PRESIDENT TAFT ... Sunday, Feb. 13th 10.00 a.m.  
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 PRESIDENT GRANT ... Tuesday, Mar. 15th 10.00 a.m.  
 PRESIDENT MADISON ... Tuesday, Mar. 29th 10.00 a.m.  
 PRESIDENT JACKSON ... Tuesday, Apr. 12th 10.00 a.m.

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 PRESIDENT HAYES ... Tuesday, Mar. 29th 6.00 a.m.  
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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	Jun. 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 19	July 22	July 31

(E/Asia and E/Russia call Nagasaki day after departure from Shanghai.)

## CONNECTING SAILINGS TO LIVERPOOL.

MONTCAIM	March 12	MINNEBODA	May 13
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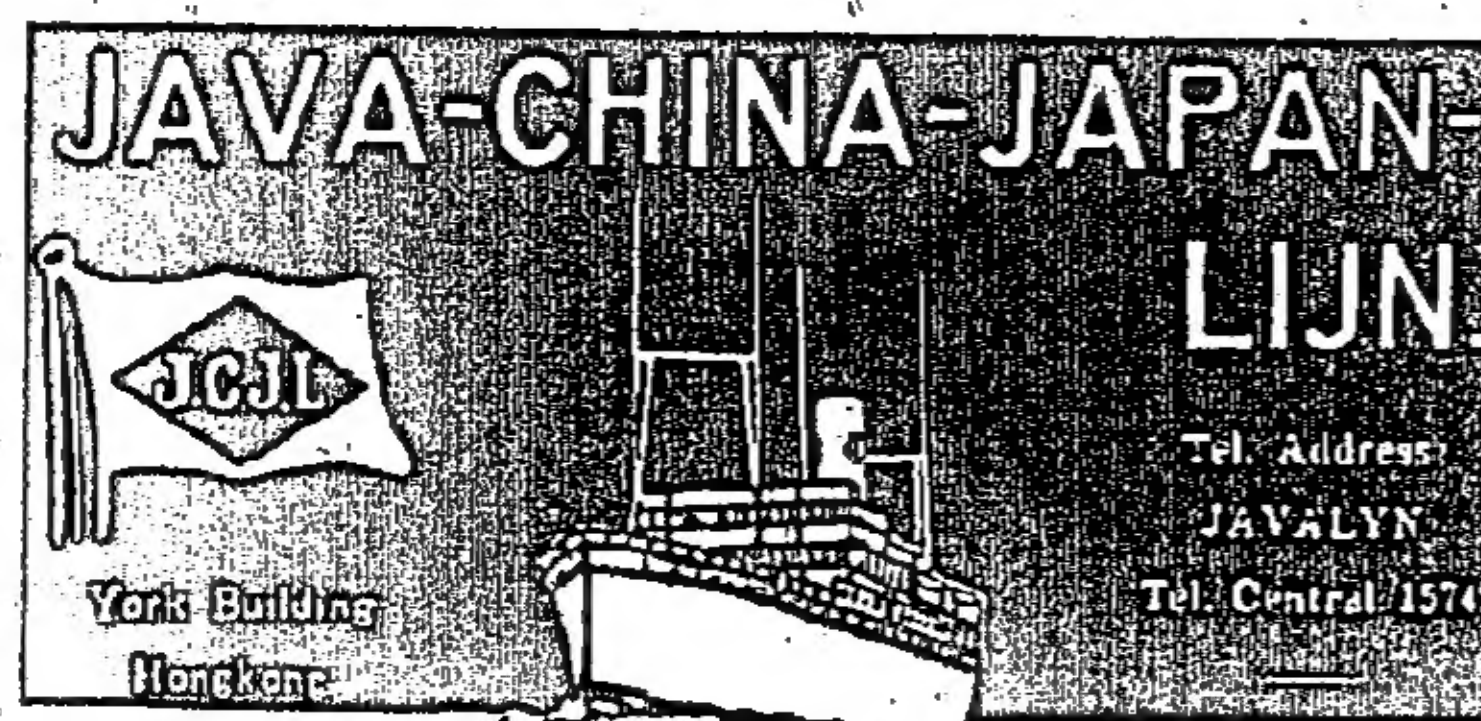
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Steamers	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tjikembang	Shanghai	10th Feb.	10th Feb.	Batavia
Tjipanas	Swatow	13th Feb.	15th Feb.	Saigon
Tjileboet	N. China	14th Feb.	18th Feb.	M'kar & Java
Tjibesar	Japan	15th Feb.	16th Feb.	Batavia
Tjimanoeck	Java, Mesr	15th Feb.	17th Feb.	S'hai & China
Tjisaroen	Batavia	20th Feb.	22nd Feb.	Shanghai
Tjikarang	Shanghai	21st Feb.	24th Feb.	Batavia
Tjibodas	Swatow	22nd Feb.	24th Feb.	Saigon
Tjipondock	Japan	1st Mar.	2nd Mar.	Batavia
Tjisalak	Java, Mesr	1st Mar.	3rd Mar.	S'hai N. China
Tjikini	N. China	2nd Mar.	4th Mar.	Batavia
Tjisaroen	Shanghai	7th Mar.	10th Mar.	Batavia
Tjikembang	Batavia	13th Mar.	15th Mar.	Shanghai
Tjimanoeck	N. China	15th Mar.	18th Mar.	M'kar, Java

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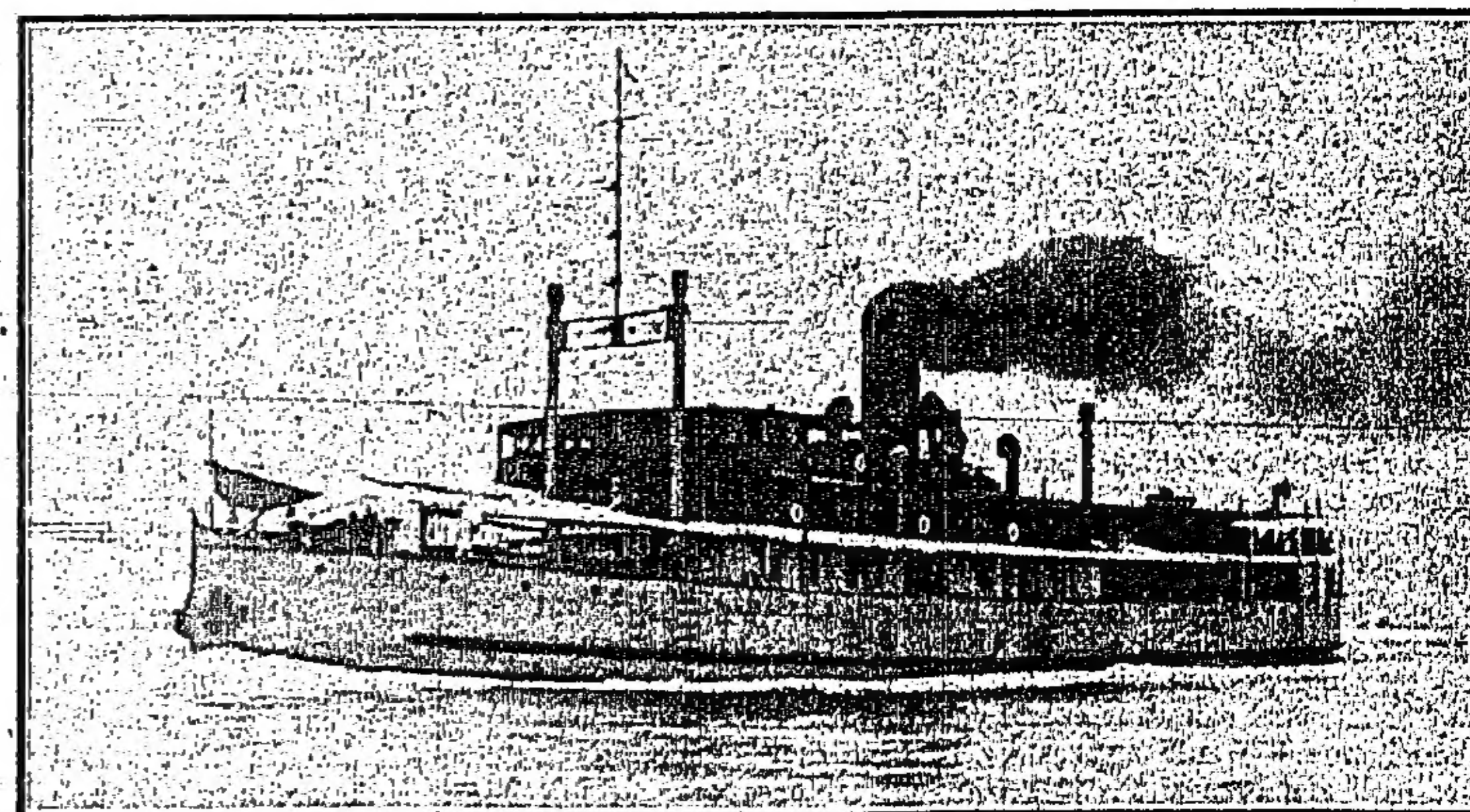
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KIDDERPORE	5,334	12 Feb. noon	S'pore, P'ang C'bo & B'bay
DELTA	8,097	18th Feb.	S'pore P'ang C'bo & B'bay
KALYAN	9,144	19th Feb.	Marseilles London A'werp & Hull
NELLORE	6,853	2nd Mar.	S'pore P'ang C'bo & B'bay
MANTUA	10,902	5th Mar.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th Mar.	M'les, L'don & A'werp
NAGPORE	5,283	14th Mar.	S'gon, M'les, L'don A'werp Hamburg & Rotterdam
NYANZA	7,023	16th Mar.	S'pore, P'ang C'bo & B'bay
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th Mar.	Marseilles & London

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SHIRALA	7,841	1st March.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

**EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)**

TANDA	6,956	4th March.	Manila, Sandakan, Thurs.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April.	Island, Townsville, B'bane.
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TANDA	6,956	8 Feb. 4 p.m.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
NAOPORE	5,283	11th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
SHIRALA	7,841	12th Feb.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji & Kobe
MONGOLIA	16,504	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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TAIPING	11th March	18th March
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Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE"	4th May.

SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VLADIVOSTOCK.

Motor Vessel "GLENAMOY" (via Moji)	10th February.
Motor Vessel "GLENGARRY"	17th February.
Motor Vessel "GLENGARRY"	3rd March.
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HAKUSAN MARU ... Saturday, 26th Feb. at 11 a.m.  
KITANO MARU ... Saturday, 12th Mar.

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MISHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 23rd Feb. at 11 a.m.  
TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 23rd Mar.

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CALCUTTA MARU ... Monday 21st Feb.

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OSAKA MARU ... Friday, 18th Feb.

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ANGKOR	1st Mar.	1st Mar.	1st Mar.
PORTHOS	15th Mar.	15th Mar.	15th Mar.
PAUL LECAT	2nd Mar.	2nd Mar.	2nd Mar.
G. METZINGER	11th Feb.	11th Mar.	12th Apr.
AMAZON	25th Feb.	30th Mar.	26th Apr.

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The King was among many who sent congratulations to Mr. John Jones, of Crickleth, Carmarvonshire, said to be Britain's oldest retired stationmaster, who celebrated his 100th birthday recently.

Making a forced landing, an aeroplane piloted by Mr. Roland Ernest Watson struck a post and overturned on the South Metropolitan Gas Works sports ground at Horn-lane, East Greenwich, but Mr. Watson escaped injury.

The marriage of Sir Richard Graham, aged 67, of Netherby, Cumberland, to Mrs. James Graham, widow of his younger brother, at Marylebone register office on Saturday was the third matrimonial venture of both bride and bridegroom.

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before the Friday the 11th instant or they will not be recognized.  
Damaged packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor—Godard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday the 8th instant.  
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Hongkong, February 2, 1927.

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Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th February will be subject to rent.  
All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 23rd February or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 7th instant.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst. will be subject to rent.  
All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 23rd inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th inst. at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Godard & Douglas.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.



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## PERFECT VOICE.

## TELEPHONE GIRLS' TEST.

A novel contest was held among girl operators in the London Trunk Telephone Exchange the other week to discover these with the most perfect "telephone voices." "Winners" will be employed on the new public London-New York wireless telephone service which is to be inaugurated early next month at a charge of 15 for a conversation of three minutes and 25 for each additional minute. Each of a number of chosen girls, during the test of her "articulation efficiency," had the volume and quality of her voice measured and recorded by the special voice-frequency galvanometer which will be employed in the regulation of ordinary subscribers' voices when they speak to persons in New York. "Just tell us, in your normal tones and quite naturally, how you enjoyed your Christmas holidays," suggested the wireless experts, who acted as judges, and one after another the girls gave a little "talk" on the delights of dancing, the giving and receiving of presents, and Yuletide festivities generally.

## The Bashful Girl.

There was one girl, however, who could not find words with which to describe her experience. She blushed, stammered a little—

most appealing looks at her judges. "Come along!" they coaxed her. "Say something—it doesn't matter what it is."

The girl knitted her brows in perplexity, and finally declared: "I can't think of a thing to say!" "Very well—have a try at repeating the little poem about Mary and her little lamb!" she was laughingly urged.

She laughed, too, and her confidence restored, she went through the nursery rhyme without faltering.

The repeating of numbers was a very important part of the tests.

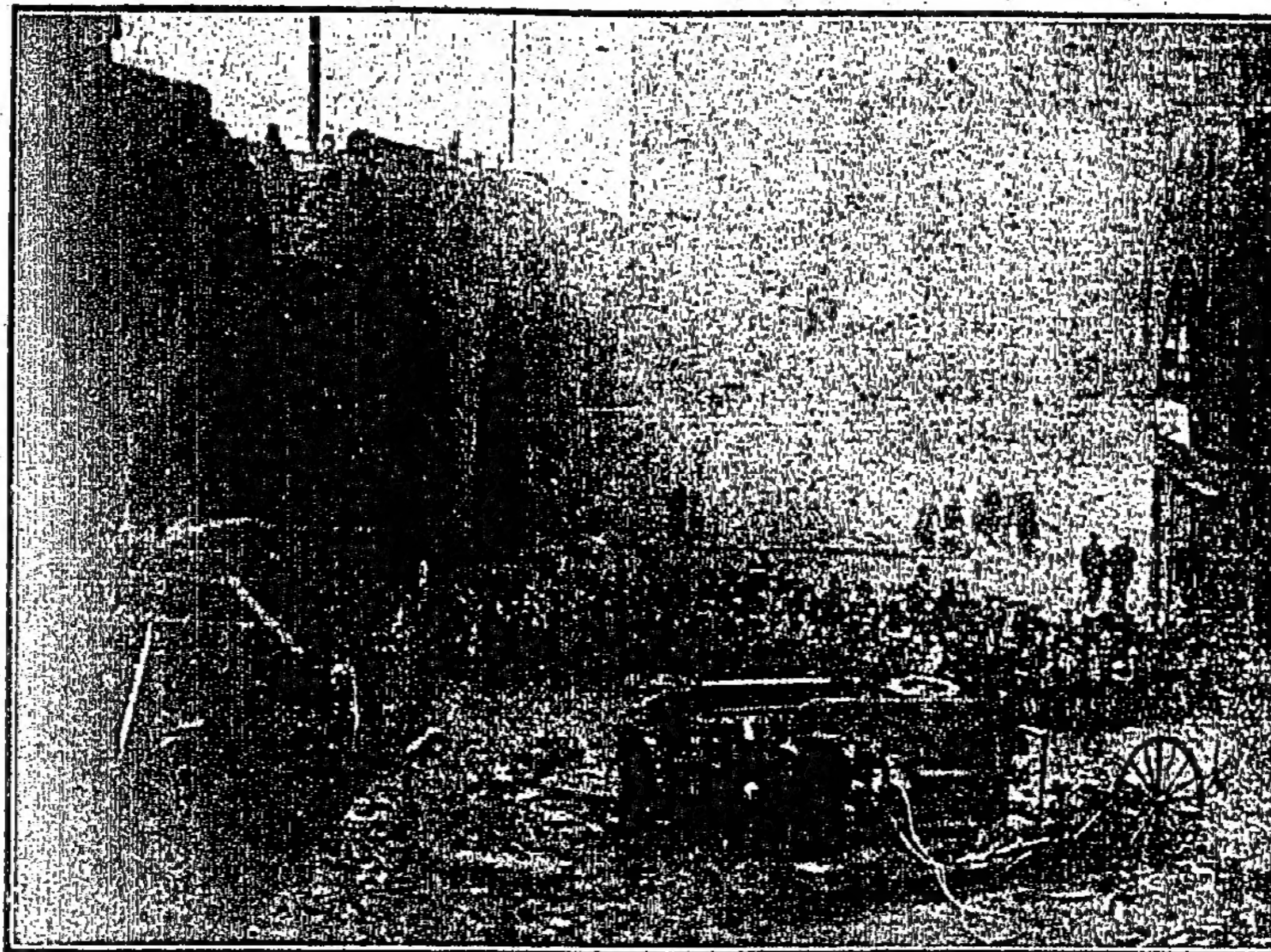
## Leeds-New York Talk.

Mr. E. B. Johnson, Superintendent Engineer of Post Office Telephones in Yorkshire, had a four-minute telephonic conversation from Leeds yesterday day with Mr. E. D. Johnson, an official of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, in New York.

"A cable line was used to Rugby and then the wireless telephone across the Atlantic to Houlton and the words relayed by cable to New York. The answers from New York were received in England by wireless and transformed."

"Conversation was as quick as on the ordinary telephone," said Mr. Johnson. "We chatted on a variety of matters and I wished him, on behalf of Yorkshire people, best wishes for a happy New Year."

## FIRE ENGINE'S PLUNGE.



While on the way to a fire recently, the Stockport motor fire engine skidded and crashed through the parapet of Wellington Bridge, which spans the River Mersey, falling into the square below as shown. Several of the brigade jumped clear, but Supt. Beckwith was carried over with the engine and killed.

## ILL AFTER MEAL.

## FIVE CHINESE POISONED.

After eating a meal, five foksia of a shop in Graham Street, became ill this morning and were removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where they are lying in a critical condition.

Native shops, which had remained closed after the third day of the New Year Festival were again opened to business to-day and the event was marked by the usual feasting this morning. The meal eaten at the shop in question was of the usually elaborate kind, and after partaking of a dish of chicken, it is stated that the foksia felt effects which were symptomatic of poisoning and collapsed.

On being called in, the police had five persons removed in the ambulance to the Government Civil Hospital.

## 1,794,400 WAR PENSIONS.

## 4,500 WIDOWS A YEAR RE-MARRY.

At the end of last March, according to the annual report of the Minister of Pensions, the number of persons in receipt of pensions or allowances amounted to 1,794,400. This included 25,600 officers, 1,114 nurses, 509,500 men, 154,000 war widows and 563,000 children.

The total is declining from such causes as death—about 26,000 a year, the re-marriage of widows—about 4,500 a year, and the attainment of the maximum pensionable age by children, who are disappearing from the list at the rate of about 51,000 a year.

New claims to the number of 13,978 were admitted, and fresh claims were still being received at the rate of 850 a week.

During the year 10,058 artificial legs and 1,169 artificial arms were issued, mostly renewals. At the end of the year the number of pensioners for whose artificial limbs the Ministry is responsible was 37,089—1,781 officers and 35,308 other ranks.

Artificial eyes (4,881) were fitted to 3,311 pensioners. First issues of 148 hand-propelled tricycles and 170 invalid chairs were made.

The total expended by the Ministry during the year was £66,916,268, and of this only £2,396,247 was in respect of administrative expenses—about 8 1/2 per cent. The total expenditure for all services from the establishment of the Ministry was £665,000,000, a sum larger than that of any other country engaged in the Great War.

During the year the staff of the Ministry was reduced by 4,272 to 11,368.

Winner of many motor-cycling trophies, Miss Marjorie Cottle was married recently to Captain J. Watson Bourne, the racing motorcyclist.

A photograph of his wife carried by him throughout the war was, by his last wish, affixed to the coffin at the funeral at Addlestone, Surrey, of Mr. Reginald Hawker, who died after a motoring accident.

## MRS. CHRISTIE'S CASE.

## CASE OF DUAL PERSONALITY.

The case of Mrs. Agatha Christie, the novelist, who vanished from her home in Sunningdale, Berkshire, in November and was found after several days' search at Harrogate, is described as one of dual personality.

"The doctors agree said her brother-in-law that it is a complete case of dual personality with every symptom as set out in the text-books—a case so rare that it is difficult for laymen to understand."

"For her sake we have been advised to lead a very quiet, normal life as though nothing was wrong, with no signs of excitement or worry."

"We cannot say whether Mrs. Christie will be going away. The doctor's instructions are that if she does move she, must not go very far. When she is fit she will probably go to see someone who has a very special knowledge of such cases."

## Daughter's Visit.

"Mrs. Christie's little girl came up at Christmas, but at first Mrs. Christie did not know her. Afterwards she told us she did not know whether she remembered the child or not."

"She had heard us say it was her daughter and was not sure whether she remembered the fact herself or had had it impressed on her mind by our conversation. "There are many things which she knows about herself now, but she still does not know whether they have returned to her memory or whether she is learning them from what she hears said."

"While writing a letter the other day she suddenly said, 'Look.' She had signed it with a name not her own."

## Lost Memory Twice.

"It is curious that, at Harrogate, while in her second personality, she lost her memory suddenly for a second time. While out one day she found herself ignorant of who she was or where she was staying. Somehow she found her way back to the hotel."

"She has told us that she read the papers daily, read even of her own disappearance, but could not concern it with herself."

"She says she thought Archie, her husband, looked rather a nice man from his portraits."

"She thought her relatives and friends must know where she was, although she could not remember who they were, and at last, hearing nothing of them, became worried and advertised, asking them to communicate with her. When we were leaving Harrogate with her and people said to her 'Good-bye, Mrs. Christie,' she looked surprised and asked 'Am I Mrs. Christie?'"

"She must have gone to the Hydro in a perfectly normal manner in this second personality, though she cannot tell us, and no one knows, how she got there."

"We do not have nurses attending her or anyone of that kind because it would simply suggest to her that she was very ill."

Losses on Hull Corporation tramways and omnibuses during the past six months, exceeded £18,000.

## LORD YPRES' WISH.

## BUST TO BE PLACED IN FRENCH CHURCH.

Shall we forget the heroic manner in which the "old contemporaries" went to their death or the Commander who led them in those critical years of the war?

Field Marshal the Earl of Ypres—He is better known to the soldiers as Sir John French—will always be associated with the town of Ypres, and in the Memorial Church there it is proposed to place a bust of him.

No more suitable place for the memorial could be found. It was the Field Marshal's wish that any memorial erected to him as Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in the field, should be set up at Ypres, the ancient town from which he took his highest title, and with which he associated himself so closely during his later years.

The bust, the work of Mr. John Davidson, will be in Burgundy stone, and until the Church at Ypres is completed it will be kept at Aldershot.

Field Marshal Viscount Allenby and General Sir Philip W. Chetwode, Commanding-in-Chief Aldershot Command, in supporting the appeal for subscription to the Memorial Fund, state that among those who have sent donations are Marshal Joffre, Marshal Foch, General Gouraud, and General Weygand.

## BIG BROTHERS.

## HELP FOR CLEVER YOUTHS.

Under the name of the "Big Brother," a number of business men in Halifax are taking the part played in medieval times by the lords of the manor, who acted as patrons to brilliant youths, and are helping to send a number of young men from the artisan classes to the universities.

The scheme was originated by Mr. J. H. Whitley, M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons. Realising some years ago that many brilliant men who won scholarships at the universities could not afford to pay the college fees, or to mix on an equality with the other undergraduates, he founded the Fellowship of the Big and Little Brothers.

Each Big Brother promises a certain amount every year, which, combined with the scholarship, the grant of the Local Education Committee, and as much as the parents can afford, will enable one Little Brother to enjoy all the benefits of a "Varsity" education.

The Little Brother must be invited to the house of the Big Brother, if possible, once every vacation.

So successful has the scheme proved that several other towns in the district intend to found Big Brother clubs of their own.

Suicide during temporary insanity was the verdict at a Yarmouth inquest on Mr. H. J. Pond, 55, a Norwich town councillor, who was found drowned at Gorleston.

The dead body of Mr. Wilfred H. Scantborpe, 44, chief officer of the steamer Marguerite, whose home was at Caerleon-road, Newport, was found in the dock at Barrow.

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## THE SUGAR KING.

## NINTH PRISON SENTENCE.

Another chapter in the amazing life story of Ernest Dunbar Cairns, whose audacity gained him for a time the title of the "Sugar King," was completed at Surrey Quarter Sessions, at Kingston recently, when he was convicted for the ninth time and was sentenced to nine months' hard labour for obtaining £3 from a woman by false pretences. Cairns' real name is believed to be Ernest Edwards, in which he was charged. At one time on the French racecourses his lavish display of wealth gained him the friendship of prospective victims.

In April 1915 he obtained £20 by false pretences at Cardiff, and was sent to prison for six months. He afterwards served terms of 12 months' hard labour and 18 months' hard labour for false pretences at Bristol, where he gave the name of Frederick Henry Simpson, while at Bournemouth he was fined £10 and sent to prison for three months for falsely registering a business in the name of Collingwood.

On his release he posed as a millionaire, and he married a rich woman, but she soon discovered his true character and left him.

He launched his sugar campaign from a house which he rented in Liverpool. He announced that he had obtained large concessions from the Government could. He started the Mutual Importers' Association, and subscriptions poured in. The scheme was a fraud, but before the trickery was discovered he left Scotland to avoid arrest for obtaining large sums by false pretences. He duped one local bank to give an overdraft of £5,300.

## Floating Loans.

Afterwards he lived in Brussels, posing as a rich American who had come to Europe to float loans. He was convicted of forgery, and on the completion of his sentence of three months he was extradited for an offence at Rotterdam. Here he was deemed insane and confined in an asylum. In March 1923 Cairns was sent to this country and was detained at Chatham Asylum, Kent, as a pauper lunatic. Since his release he has been sentenced to six months' hard labour at Barnstaple, Devon, and five months' hard labour at the Central Criminal Court for obtaining credit without disclosing the fact that he was a bankrupt.

Asked if he had anything to say before sentence was passed, Cairns replied, "No thanks," but immediately served observed: "Under Anne VII, Chapter 12, the indictment is illegal, and also your plea of Not Guilty. Do as you please. Nemo me impune lacessit" (No one provokes me with impunity).

## A Law for Ambassadors.

Anne VII, Chapter 12, referred to by Cairns, is an Act to preserve the privileges of ambassadors, and was passed because Andrew Matueof, the Ambassador Extraordinary of his Czarish Majesty, was taken by violence out of his coach in a public street and detained in custody. In the somewhat quaint language of the Statute, "To prevent the like insolences for the future . . . it was declared that all proceedings against ambassadors or their domestic servants shall be void. All persons, and this included the solicitors, who had the temerity to take action against an ambassador were to be deemed "violators of the laws of nations and disturbers of the public repose . . . and were made subject to dire penalties."